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Dedication

This book is dedicated to the memory of my **Uncle Charley Wiggins**, who was born in Jackson County, Illinois in 1883 to **Alfred Sheldon Wiggins** and **Caroline Mary Davis**. My **Aunt Pat (Malone) Waltman** had shared a picture of one of the jungle cats that **Uncle Charley** had shot while he was living in the Panama Canal Zone, where he worked as a planing mill engineer. He and his brothers were all said to have been excellent marksman, so I had always wondered where that skill had come from: the answer would seem to be from his grandfather, **Thomas Jefferson Davis**, who was the grandson of the **James Davis**, one of the main characters of this book.

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Preface

In July 2014, **Jack Callahan** contacted me because our autosomal DNA results showed that we were distant cousins, and that the only apparent overlap in our family trees was in Jackson County, Illinois. Previous to this, he had contracted to have some research done to determine one of his Davis ancestors. That ancestor turned out to be **Aaron Davis**, and through deed research he had learned of all but one of **Aaron's** children who were alive at the time of his death around 1826. He thought perhaps the missing child might be my unknown ancestor.

A trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City found the identity of **Aaron's** other child: it turned out that my connection to Jack lay farther back in time. But that trip to Utah also netted for me the deed that proved that **James Davis** was my fourth great grandfather, and there was a definite connection between **Aaron Davis** and **James Davis**. Later research determined that their parents were **Mathis** and **Patsy (MNU) Davis**.

Research of the early days of Jackson County, Illinois is difficult, due to the near total destruction in early 1843 of the records housed in the original County Courthouse in the no longer extant town of Brownsville. That means that many deeds have been lost forever, though thankfully many were re-recorded from the owner's copies after the fire. Marriage records prior to 1843 are lost forever, save for clues found in later probate files, a few re-recordings of early deeds and a smattering of other sources. And of course, the vast majority of probate records are gone also, though the re-recorded deeds sometimes provide an adequate substitute for those individuals who had owned sufficient assets at their death to trigger the need to go through the probate court. Adding to the difficulties of researching in Jackson County, Illinois are some often barely legible Census records for 1860 and 1870.

Since I was determined to create as much clarity as possible about my own family line, I decided to broaden my research to assist my many unknown cousins to find their place within the clan of **James Davis**, **Aaron Davis** and **Willis Davis**, pioneer settlers of Jackson County, Illinois. The scope was broadened further with the discovery of additional children of James, and of his parents and grandparents. This book is my best effort at telling their stories, detailing their origins and adding to what is known about the early **Davis** families of Jackson County.

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Chapter 1: Introduction

The odds are very good that most of the Davises living in Jackson County, Illinois prior to the Civil War, who had lived along the western edge or in the northeastern corner of the County, were all part of the same Davis Clan. In the vicinity of Grand Tower, along the bottom of and atop the Mississippi Bluffs near Big Muddy River, and in the area around Dowell and Elkville, the early Davises who lived there nearly all descended from one of three men: James Davis, Aaron Davis or Willis Davis from North Carolina and Tennessee. Those early Davis settlers who lived immediately north and south of Murphysboro were a different clan with origins in Newberry and Laurens Counties, South Carolina.

In the 1790 Federal Census, Davis was the third most common surname in the United States.[1] So, it should come as no surprise that there were other, unrelated Davis families who also settled in various parts of Jackson County at an early date: Hezekiah Davis and his sons settled near Crab Orchard, and Nathan and Clement Davis settled along the Big Muddy near where Murphysboro now stands.[2] They, too, arrived prior to statehood. Still more Davis clans arrived at a later date: a contingent from Vermont that settled near Vergennes included some Davises, and the family of Amos and Ruth (Gallion) Davis migrated from Floyd County, Indiana sometime after 1860, though his son William arrived in Feb 1836. But our Davis Clan currently has perhaps the strongest presence in and around Jackson County, though only a tiny faction now bears the Davis surname. There were many other early Davis families living in the county when Illinois became a state, but it seems many of them kept rushing westward once Missouri Territory and Arkansas Territory opened for settlement.

In the Great Western Migration, many families had barely enough resources to buy cheap Federal land on credit, hoping to carve a life for themselves out of the wilderness, and somehow find a means of generating some income to make their land payments. Our Davises fared better. They could afford to purchase land that had already been improved to some extent, and they managed to acquire considerably more than the bare minimum acreage that was available from the government at that time. While they may not have been rich, they were considerably more affluent than the typical settler of the day. They were also savvy and resourceful businessmen, as recorded in various written accounts.

The story of brothers James and Aaron Davis and their nephew Willis begins with the memoir of William Carol Davis, which will be presented after a few preliminaries. It forms an invaluable bridge spanning a twenty-five-year gap in the records of Jackson County, which was caused by the destruction in 1843 of the original courthouse in the no longer extant town of Brownsville. According to William Carol Davis, his father, Willis Davis (the nephew of James and Aaron), was the son of Amos Davis. The two brothers and their nephew each arrived in Jackson County at separate times: James around 1808,

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[1] *Genealogymagazine.com/the-most-common-us-surnames-in-1790/, The Most Common U.S. Surnames in 1790 by James Pylant,* accessed 2 Jan 2024.

[2] These families, including Hezekiah Davis, are extensively documented in my book, *Brothers Nathan and Clement Davis, Jr – Sons of Clement Davis, Sr* (2021).

Aaron around 1816 to 1818 (he didn't buy land in Jackson County until 1818) and Willis in the late 1820s.

What was it like to settle in the Mississippi Bottoms of the future Jackson County in 1808? One succinct description is as follows:

> *"One who settled in Illinois in this period [1790-1809] came through danger to danger, for Indians lurked in the woods and malaria waited in the lowlands. The journey made by immigrants was tedious and difficult, and was often rendered dangerous by precipitous and rough hills and swollen streams, if the journey was overland, or by snags, shoals and rapids, if by water."*[3]

The same source[4] suggests part of the motivation for the Davis family to leave North Carolina:

> *"In general, persons Scotch-Irish by birth were opposed to slavery, as were also members of the Quaker church. This caused a considerable emigration from the Carolinas. Another motive for people from all sections was that expressed by settlers of Illinois, in 1806, when they said that they came west in order to secure 'such an establishment in land as they despaired of ever being able to procure in the old settlements.'"*

The identity of the father of James, Aaron and Amos has not been recorded in historical documents, nor in family lore. The one possible clue is that, living one household away from Aaron Davis in the 1820 Census for Jackson County, Illinois, was Matthias Davis (the intervening household was that of John Morrow). Since it can only be *speculated* whether he was their father, it will be left until later chapters to delve further into this likely family connection. It's always important to begin with the strongest foundation possible before relying upon logic and scant clues to determine more distant family relationships.

Before getting to the memoir of William Carol Davis, it is important to state a few relevant jurisdictional facts that help in understanding where to find information about people of interest:

- In 1795, Indiana Territory was created, which included Randolph County. It encompassed our area of interest.
- In 1809, Illinois Territory was created from Indiana Territory.
- In 1812, Johnson County was created from part of Randolph County. This included the portion of the future Jackson County that is located south and east of Big Muddy River.
- On 10 Aug 1814, The General Land Office opened in Kaskaskia, marking the point at which land within Illinois Territory (and outside of the established French outposts) could be purchased from the Federal Government.

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[3] *The Settlement of Illinois, 1778-1830, Vol. V* by Arthur Clinton Boggess, Ph.D. (1907), page 207.
[4] Page 208.

- In 1816, Jackson County was created, though in 1827 a one-mile-wide strip along the northern boundary would go to form part of Perry County. When Jackson County was formed, the area north of the Big Muddy River came from Randolph County, and the area south of the Big Muddy River came from Johnson County.
- On 3 Dec 1818, Illinois was granted statehood.

With these basic facts out of the way, let's start by reviewing what William Carol Davis was thoughtful enough to have recorded about himself, his family and his ancestors (an extra paragraph break has been added to the following, in order to facilitate the discussion of the information that is presented after this citation):[5]

> *"I was born in Tennessee near Nashville in 1818. The family Bible containing our ages was carried away by **Mary Harris** my father's sister, who was married to **Cribbs Harris** and moved to Missouri, so I really don't know just when I was born. I know that Christmas day was my birthday, and I think the year was 1818 is when I was born. My mother's maiden name was **Nancy Youngman**. My mother first married a **Mr. Austin**, father of **John Austin**, who was the father of **Henry Austin** of Kinkaid Township. **John** had two sisters, **Mary** and **Alyra**. **Austin** died and then my mother married **Willis Davis**. There were five children by this marriage, myself, **Amanda**, **Becky Ann**, **Margaret**, and **Jane**. **Amanda** married **Oliver Cross**, **Becky Ann** died young, **Margaret** married a **Mr. Belchy*** [sic: **Ferdinand Belsha**][6] *of Missouri, and **Jane** married **Henry Purdy** of Tuttle [sic: Tuthill] Prairie [near Vergennes, Jackson County, Illinois].*
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> *"My grandfather **Davis** was named **Amos Davis**. About the time my father moved to Illinois, my grandfather moved to the eastern part of the state. He had two brothers, **James** and **Aaron**. In those days we did not pay much attention to places and dates as they do now. There were no railroads in those days and not much anything else. I was seven or eight years old when my father moved to Illinois and settled near Sand Ridge. **James Davis**, grandfather's brother settled on what is now known as the **Tom Davis** place at the foot of the bluffs in the Mississippi bottoms. Our family came a little higher up and built a little log house at the foot of the bluff about two miles from where the Kinkaid runs into Big Muddy and northwest. It was a small cabin like pioneers built all over the country."*

The first fact presented by William Carol Davis can be easily verified: in the 1820 Census for Davidson County, Tennessee (where Nashville is located) is the family of Willis Davis, which includes one son under the age of five years old (which should be John Austin, suggesting that William Carol Davis was not born until after the 1820 Census). However, the family is not located in the town of Nashville, so William was born *near* Nashville, not in it. The remainder of the first paragraph, which concerns Williams' family, will be discussed in *Chapter 2*.

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[5] *http://genealogytrails.com/ill/jackson/biowmdavis.htm*.
[6] Ancestry.com's *Missouri, Compiled Marriages, 1754-1850*, married 3 May 1842 in Perry County, Missouri.

The information in the second paragraph is what binds together this family of pioneers, making it clear that James, Aaron and Amos Davis were brothers. In *Chapter 3* is the discussion of James Davis, the first member of the family to arrive in Jackson County, which was still part of *Indiana* Territory at the time he arrived, making him among the earliest of Illinois pioneers. Detailed discussion is given of the properties that he had owned in the county, showing clearly that the Tom Davis discussed above was his son. And in Tom Davis' probate file, William C. Davis (Willis' son) was administrator and describes himself as Tom's "distant relation." They were second cousins, once removed (Tom's grandfather was William's great grandfather).

William Carol Davis stated that he moved to Illinois when 7 or 8 years old, and we've already pointed out that he was born after the 1820 Census. His father's household in the 1830 Census shows he had one son aged 10 to 14 (John Austin) and one son aged 5-9 (William Carol Davis – thus he was born sometime between 1820 and 1825). Census records from 1850 to 1910 have his year of birth being between 1823 and 1827. His father shows up in the 1830 Census for Jackson County, suggesting that they arrived in Illinois close to that time. At any rate, they almost certainly showed up in the late 1820s.

Let's wrap up this chapter with the remainder of William Carol Davis' memoir, which gives us a quick glimpse of the family's early circumstances in Jackson County:

> *"FREE LAND, FREE LIVING*
> *"We came from Tennessee in wagons, I was just big enough to ride a horse, we camped out at night along the road. The Indians were still in this country when we came here, but left a short time afterwards. There was no land entered in this country at that time that I know of. It was a good many years after that when the entering of land took place. They did not need any land in those days, except enough to make bread, because you could kill enough game for all the meat you wanted. We raised our own cotton, picked the seed out and carded it by hand, and spun and wove it by hand. Caps were made out of coonskin. Buckskin was tanned, sometimes with hair on and sometimes with it taken off, and made into hunting jackets and coats. At that time, when we first came here everybody wore Indian moccasins, made of buckskin, and the men and boys wore buckskin breeches. The remainder of the clothing was made out of cotton we raised ourselves. Many fancy coats and jackets were made out of buckskins, especially handsome cuffs, carved, fringed and finished according to the tastes of the wearers.*
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> *"KING CORN AND MILLING IT*
> *"There was no wheat raised for a good many years after we came here, we ate cornbread entirely. Much of the bread was made of meal pounded in a mortar. The mortar was made by cutting off a block of wood from a big log, stand it on end a good deal like a butcher's block, except there were no legs under it; a fire was then built on top of the block, burning it out dish shaped until you got it as deep as you wanted it, then the fire and charcoal was scraped out, you put corn in*

this hole and crushed it. A small maul was used for a pestle; this was made out of a pole about six inches in thickness and for the first foot full size, then the pole was whittled down so as to make a handle, and with that pestle mortar you lit in on the corn and crushed it up into a meal. The meal was sifted with a hand sieve, the coarse and unground part put in the mortar and crushed again.

"OLD MILLS HE KNEW
"The first mill I ever remember seeing was built by a man named ***Cline*** *near Rockwood. The next mill I saw built was by a* ***Mr. Rendleman****, it was a horse mill. The* ***Rendleman*** *mill was an improvement over the other one. You always went to mill on horseback, taking the corn behind you, and when you got there you got off your horse and hitched him to the mill and ground your own corn. The mill owner would take one-seventh of the corn as toll. They used regular stone burrs a good deal like the modern ones, only not dressed so well, and the meal was not ground so fine as it is now by any means.*

"BOWERS WONDER PLANT
"The next mill I remember was built by ***John Bower****; it was a water mill and was built on Kinkaid creek about three miles from Brownsville. At this time a little wheat was being raised and this mill ground both wheat and corn; it also ran an up-and- down saw and sawed lumber. This was considered a great improvement at that time and was hailed as a great industry. This mill also bolted flour, that is, separated the bran from the flour. After that, old man* ***Criley*** *built what was afterwards known as the* ***Criley*** *mill, but this was a long time after the* ***Bower*** *mill was built. This mill was also operated by water power from Kinkaid creek, and was originally built as a cotton gin and not as a mill. The* ***Criley*** *mill was comparatively recent compared with the old days. Of course that is a long time ago for you young fellows; my recollection is that the lumber from the* ***Criley*** *mill is the same that was afterwards brought up to the old* ***Bob Cheatham*** *place and was used for building the old* ***Cheatham*** *home.*

"YE OLDEN MAIL CARRIER
"In those days the mail was carried overland from Kaskaskia to Cairo, and a man named ***Berry Harris*** *had the contract. I remember mighty well, when I was twelve or fourteen years old, I often made trips for him. It took all week to make a round trip. We would leave Kaskaskia early Monday morning and would not get back until Saturday night. I remember this experience very clearly how on my first trip to Cairo I was put to bed with a man who seemed to be bothered with night-mare; he kept me awake the whole night by his jerks and kicks and finally threw himself out of bed onto the floor.*

"This mail route extended from Kaskaskia to Brownsville, thence to Jonesboro thence to Cairo. The entering of land had then begun and I have seen ***Harris*** *have as much gold and silver in his saddle bags as a good man could carry, taking it to Kaskaskia to enter land with. The Illinois bank currency was no good and they*

would not accept it. Missouri money was alright and you could enter land with that.

"CAIRO JUST A SWAMP
"At that time, when I made trips to Cairo, there was not a house within several miles of Cairo, but just one continuous swamp with no settlements, and it was very difficult to get through on horseback. There was no such thing as goobers. In those days; about all the lawing there was in disputes about hogs and horses and if some fellow took more than his share, they would have a lawsuit about it. There were scarcely any lawyers in Jackson County, and most of the lawyers came down from Kaskaskia on Sunday to attend court at Brownsville during the week and would start back on Friday or Saturday. They usually got down to Brownsville Monday morning after stopping at my fathers house on Sunday nights.

"We always saw them going back the latter part of the week. There was an astray pen at Brownsville, and if a man found any stock and did not know who the owner was, he brought it there and put it in the pen for public inspection; and if the owner came he had to prove ownership as they do now. There were great numbers of wild hogs in those days and they were considered common property.

"AT THE OLD COUNTY SEAT
*"They used to have muster days at Brownsville twice a year; we boys had a company and **John A. Logan** was our captain. On those muster days and during court and on Election days everyone came to old Brownsville. There was a great deal of sport on such occasions. The sport consisted of jumping, wrestling and fighting. Fight? Of course they fought. If two fellows would fall out they were expected to fight fair and square, just fists and skull; you never saw anyone draw a weapon in those days; to draw a weapon of any kind was considered to be the act of a coward and if any one undertook it everybody would join in and hit him with whatever came in handy. Generally, in order to avoid any crowding, the fighters would go into the astray pen where no one could bother them and the spectators would gather around the pen and watch the fight. They would go at it "hammer and tongs" until one was whipped, then they would shake hands, everybody laughed and thought nothing of it; they were not arrested or anything of the kind. The man who would not fight when he had to was of no account. Nobody was afraid to fight; nobody could get badly hurt anyhow with fists; they would get bruised up some of course.*

*"**LOGAN** WHIPS THE WIDOWS SON*
*"Oh, yes I knew **John A. Logan** and his brothers as well as I knew anybody; I played with them many a time and saw them fight. **John** was never so bad to fight, but when he was pushed into it he could fight, and don't you forget it. I recollect there was a boy 15 or 16 years old who undertook to run over **Tom** one day, and **John**, a'stepping in, took **Tom's** part. I tell you that were some fight, but **John** gave him a good dressing. The boy that **John** licked was a widow's son and*

*after the fight was over the boy's mother came down and **John** went up to her and apologized for giving the boy the licking he deserved, because he felt sorry for his mother. I knew **John Logan's** father, **Dr. Logan** very well; he used to practice all along the bottom, he and old **Dr. Conrad Will**. **Dr. Logan** used to wear his hair 18 inches long, plaited. **John A.** looked very much like him. **John A.** was elected representative about 1839; they called **Logan "Black Jack"**. For the next four years old **Dick Bradley** was elected. Both men were dark complexioned and they called **Bradley "Black Dick"**, so they sent word from Springfield and wanted to know if there were any white men down there.*

"GATHERING THE SHEATHS
*"When I was a boy I hoed corn many a day for $.12 ½ per day. When they first began harvesting wheat a man received $1 per day for cutting and the binders received $.75 per day. The first wheat I ever saw cut was when I worked for **Tom Davis**; he had five acres and that was considered a mighty big crop then. Reap hooks were mostly used in cutting wheat, but there was a man by the name of **Davis** who lived down in the Shannon settlement came here to help; he had a little mowing scythe and it was a beauty. I remember we boys had to carry water and we kept the water and the whiskey in the shade of a mulberry tree. The wheat was laid off in squares and after cutting a square the man would come over to the old mulberry tree and take a drink of whiskey and water. When not carrying water we boys piled up the bundles for the shockers; I went over to where this fellow laid his scythe down and I just itched to get a hold of it; so I watched my chance, and when I thought no one was looking, I picked up the cradle and lit into the wheat, making a pretty good lick. An old fellow named **Cockran** saw me and hollered "Go ahead boy, that's a good lick." I lit it again, as I felt highly encouraged by what he said, and I jerked a finger out of the cradle. I laid the cradle down and the owner came up and wanted to whip me; old man **Cockran** told him he would put a new finger in and it wouldn't cost him a cent, but the owner wanted to whip me anyway. The old fellow said, "No, whip me first." The owner sold the cradle the same day to **Wis Crain** for $3. The cradle was considered a great invention at that time. The first mower or reaper I ever saw I bought at Rockwood; after I bought a harvester, and then bought a self-binder.*

"I remember when I was a young fellow I took a trip to New Orleans with a cargo of staves. That was the year of the big flood, 1844. The staves were made at Swallow Rock bend, on the Big Muddy. I had lots of fun on that trip, but the exposure brought on a severe attack of rheumatism and my feet are crippled today from the effects of it. I have seen all the great inventions from the railroads to the airship and have witnessed the development of this state from it's small beginning to the great commonwealth it is today."

William Carol Davis, according to his tombstone (which probably over states his year of birth by at least 6 years), lived until close to age 100, dying in 1918. The above reference to "airships" likely refers to the early Zeppelins, which in around the year 1900 were the most successful airships of the day. And only 3 years later the Wright Brothers were

starting to test their airplane designs, though it would be many more years before they would become a common sight. So, the above was clearly written between 1900 and 1918, with either extreme being a good possibility. Around the turn of the century there was likely to have been renewed interest in preserving the past, and the occasion of William's 100th birthday would likewise have been a way to commemorate such an important personal milestone. But regardless of when it was recorded, it is the only known source that states the relationships between James, Aaron, Amos and Willis Davis.

When you drink from the stream
remember the spring.
-Chinese Proverb

Chapter 2: Amos Davis

Amos Davis was likely the youngest of the three Davis brothers. But since it was his descendant who has tied those three men together, it makes the most sense to begin with his family. While considerable effort was expended to attempt to find records of Amos Davis, few official records were found. Thus, the following mainly just documents the potential leads that failed to bear fruit. It appears quite possible that Willis' father's name is a red herring, that he very possibly had a different given name.

Let's start by narrowing down the search with a few available facts. First, we know that Willis' eldest daughter was born in 1820. If Willis had married at the age of 21 like the vast majority of men in that time period, that would suggest he was born about 1798. The 1810 Census establishes he was born between 1795 and 1804, whereas the 1820 Census shows that he was born between 1800 and 1810. Taken together, these facts suggest he was born close to 1800, give or take a year or so. Remove at least 21 years from that date, and you end up with 1779 being the latest likely year of birth for Amos Davis. His brothers James and Aaron were likely born around 1765 and 1775, respectively, so he clearly could have been born several years earlier than 1779, but it is the best guess possible with available facts.

Since so little is known of Amos Davis, it is best to start by eliminating a few potential suspects with whom he can be confused. A great number of careless researchers have incorrectly concluded that Willis' parents were Amos H. and Ruth (Gallion) Davis. This notion is quickly disproven because:

1) Amos H. Davis (who was born in 1788) was too young to have been the father of Willis (who was born around 1800), and
2) The 1866 probate file of Amos H. Davis names all of his surviving heirs, but does not include any of Willis' children.

So, who was Amos Davis, father of Willis Davis? There are no records of him in any of the places where his son lived or was married, where his father had lived, or where his brothers James and Aaron had lived. We only know that when Willis Davis come from Tennessee and settled in Jackson County, Illinois in the late 1820s, Amos settled somewhere in Eastern Illinois. We have no idea how long he survived after that time, whether he had any other children, or the identity of any wife or wives.

The closest thing we have to a clue is the household of Jane Davis in the 1820 Census for Davidson County, Tennessee, living just three doors down from Willis Davis. If this was Amos' wife, it appears that Willis had at least three siblings. We can presume that the oldest was his sister Mary, who moved to Missouri with the family Bible. The other two appear to have been a brother and sister, both born between 1805 and 1810 (or perhaps stepsiblings by an earlier marriage of his wife) .

There is a circa 1840 probate for an Amos Davis in White County, Illinois, but he *is not our* Amos Davis. That Amos Davis was born on 25 Sep 1797 in Montgomery County, Maryland. The bio of his son, William C. Davis (b. 1825 in Ohio County, Kentucky,

second of seven children), is found in *History of Gallatin, Saline, Hamilton, Franklin and Williamson counties, Illinois*.[7] This Amos had a wife named Elizabeth Cain, and they were married in Ohio County, Kentucky in 1823. They moved to Warrick County, Indiana from 1829 to 1834. They then moved to White County, Illinois, where Amos died on 27 Dec 1838.[8] This Amos Davis was the son of Lodowick Davis, a Revolutionary War soldier, whose children are all well documented. Since Willis Davis was born around 1800, this Amos could not have been his father. And since Willis is not listed among the children of Lodowick Davis, this Amos Davis could not have been his brother.

In 1817 and 1818, there are three different Amos Davises who patented land in Northern Illinois as bounty for their service in the War of 1812:

1. One was a private in Grosvenor's Company of the 3rd Regiment of Infantry;[9]
2. One was a sergeant in the 34th Regiment of Infantry;[10] and
3. The other was a matross in McDonnell's or McDowell's Company of Light Artillery.[11]

Since our Amos Davis was born before 1800, one of these men could be our Amos Davis, provided that he was around age 35 during the War of 1812, but none of these men patented land in Eastern Illinois, where William Carol Davis stated that our Amos Davis had settled. And if our Amos Davis was actually born closer to when his brothers James (b. circa 1760-1770) and Aaron (b. circa 1770-1780) were born, then he was likely too old to have participated in the War of 1812.

In 1835, there was an Amos Davis who made a land entry in Vermilion County, Illinois,[12] receiving patent to his land in 1837,[13] and selling it soon after to Obediah Leneve.[14] His name does not show up in the 1840 Census there. Living next to Obediah in 1840 was James A. Davis, who was presumably Amos' son. Subsequent Census records show that James was born in either New York or England. Thus, this Amos was not a person of interest to us.

Still, there are a number of courthouses that have burned in Eastern Illinois, so it is possible any record of him has been lost by such a calamity. Since there were few roads in Illinois in the late 1820s, Amos likely arrived in Eastern Illinois by boat. And the late 1820s was a period in which land in the prairies east of the Wabash River was being

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[7] By Goodspeed Publishing Company (1887), page 692.
[8] *Find A Grave*, memorial #75297652 (photo of headstone).
[9] *General Land Office Records, Accession* #IL5250_.331, issued 30 Jul 1818.
[10] *General Land Office Records, Accession* #IL5020_.165, issued 15 Nov 1817.
[11] *General Land Office Records, Accession* #IL5010_.210, issued 13 Oct 1817.
[12] *Illinois Public Domain Land Tract Sales Database*, Illinois Secretary of State. Entry made on 29 Jun 1835.
[13] *General Land Office Records, Accession* # 1091243 and IL0660_.267.
[14] *Illinois, Vermilion County, Deeds, Book D*, page 163, *FHL microfilm #008566385*, imsge 475 of 679. Sold on 17 Nov 1835, to his neighbor Obediah Leneve. Recorded 14 Feb 1837, which was a little more than a month before the patent was issued.

settled, as overland access to these areas was slowly being created. The counties he would have been likely to have settled in include:

1. Pope (est. 1816),
2. Gallatin (est. 1812),
3. White (est. 1819),
4. Edwards (est. 1815),
5. Wabash (est. 1824),
6. Lawrence (est. 1821),
7. Crawford (est. 1816),
8. Clark (est. 1816),
9. Edgar (est. 1823) or
10. Vermilion (est. 1826).

Of these, the courthouse in Wabash County burned down in 1857, destroying most of the records there, and a fire at the courthouse in Vermilion County destroyed some records in 1872.

It is fairly likely that Amos Davis moved to Eastern Illinois to be near one or more of his children (perhaps half siblings of Willis and his sister Mary). If he had followed a son or sons, records of land entries would give us a short list of likely suspects.[15] There were a handful of Davises who made land entries in the 1820s or sooner:

1. Lawrence County – Daniel Davis, 1817;
2. Crawford County – George Davis, 1829;
3. Clark County – Greenwood Davis, 1829;
4. Edgar County – Alexander Davis, 1829 and Solomon Davis, 1828.

A search of their families did not find any connection to our Amos Davis.

There are many reasons why, thus far, it was not possible to find record of Amos Davis in Eastern Illinois after the late 1820s. A simple explanation could be that either he died before showing up in Census records or that he quickly moved on to some other location. It is also entirely possible that *his name is a red herring* – that Willis' father actually had a different given name. Without any additional clues for focusing a search, it would seem that the likelihood of learning more about Amos Davis is very small.

With that out of the way, next we'll look at the only known descendants of his; those of his son, Willis Davis.

[15] *Illinois Public Domain Land Tracts Sales Database*, Illinois Secretary of State.

The Children of Willis Davis

We know from *Chapter 1* that Willis and Nancy (Youngman) Austin Davis were the parents of William Carol Davis, and that their other children were named Amanda (Davis) Cross, Becky Ann (who died young), Margaret (Davis) Belsha, and Jane (Davis) Purdy. We'll next take a closer look at their four children who survived childhood.

Willis Davis married Nancy Austin on 1 Jun 1820 in Williamson County, Tennessee, with John Yates posting bond.[16]

In the 1820 Census, Willis Davis is living in Davidson County, Tennessee (which abuts the northern boundary of Williamson County). Three entries above his is the household of Jane Davis, who is over 45 years of age and living, apparently, with a son and two daughters (was this his mother, and his father was elsewhere at the time?). Was this his grandmother? Or an aunt? No additional clues have been uncovered that might help to answer such questions.

[On the 1825 tax lists for Ohio County, Kentucky is the household of Willis Davis. The household just above his is that of Amos Davis.[17] It is the only year where Willis Davis is listed. These individuals were researched, in order to determine whether they are the same-named people of interest to us. They aren't. They are related to one Lodowick Davis, whose family located in the vicinity of Warrick County, Indiana, and whose son Amos (who was too young to have been the Amos Davis of interest to us) settled in White County, Illinois, where he died in the late 1830s. These Davises had come from Maryland and Lodowick's father likely had come from Wales.]

In the 1830 Census, Willis Davis is living near Jacob Woolrick (brother-in-law of Willis' Aunt Dicey Davis and Uncle Billy Davis), and thus they were likely living in the southern half of Kinkaid Township. This would seem to be the only public record of him being in Jackson County, Illinois. He did not make a land entry or receive patent to any land. If he had owned land in Jackson County, no record has survived, nor is he found as a witness to any land transactions.

[16] *http://genealogytrails.com/tenn/williamson/marriageEarly2.html*

[17] *Kentucky, Ohio County, Tax Lists, 1825, FHL Film #007834494*, image 609 of 1142. Amos Davis is listing #213 and Willis Davis is #214.

William Carol Davis

In his will,[18] **William Carol Davis** identifies all of his children who were living at the time of his death (in 1918). He was born on 25 Dec 1817 (the year comes from his headstone, but based upon the facts that he provides, 1822 or so is more likely) near Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee, and died in 1918 in Jackson County, Illinois. His first wife was **Mary Anna Cross** (the widow of **George W. Brown** and brother of **Oliver Cross**, who married his sister, **Amanda Filston Davis**), whom he married on 1 Apr 1846 in Jackson County. She died in May 1854 in Jackson County. They had three children together:

1. **WILLIS DAVIS**, b. about 1848, d. 1932 in Dade County, Florida. He married **Lucinda A. McKinney**. They had two daughters together:
    a. **Laura A. Davis**, b. about 1870.
    b. **Dora Davis**, b. about 1876.
2. **GEORGE M. DAVIS**, b. 24 Dec 1849, d. 4 May 1884.[19] He married **Emeline Ward**. They had at least two children together:
    a. **Harriet E. Davis**, b. about 1870.
    b. **William C. Davis**, b. 3 Oct 1871, d. 14 Oct 1872.[20]
    c. **Gilbert Ira Davis**, b. 31 No 1872, d. 14 Feb 1873.[21]
    d. **Ginerva Davis**, b. 1 Jan 1875, d. 15 Mar 1877.[22]
    e. **George Noah Davis**, b. 11 Sep 1877, d. 2 Jul 1954 in California. He married **Beatrice Upperdine**. They had at least three daughters together.
        i. **George Leslie Davis**, b. 19 Jul 1906, d. 28 Nov 1971. He married **Wilma Pearl Johnston**.
        ii. **Muriel Davis**, b. about 1913.
        iii. **Patricia Hope Davis**, b. about 1920, d. 19 Dec 1993. She married **Fred Verne Bullard McKenzie**
        iv. **Natalie Aston Davis**, b. 10 Jan 1923, d. 4 Jul 1999. She married **Mr. Delisle**.
    f. **Emma Davis**, b. Mar 1881.
3. **WILLIAM CAROL DAVIS, JUNIOR**, b. 22 Apr 1852, d. 8 Sep 1946 in Percy, Perry County, Illinois. He married first **Edna Irwin** on 4 Dec 1875. The 1900 Census shows that she had given birth to two children, both of whom were alive at that time:[23]
    a. **Della Davis**, b. Jun 1886.
    b. **Carrie M. Davis**, b. 10 Sep 1893, d. 10 Feb 1964. She married **Clyde A. Brown**. They had no children together.

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[18] *Jackson County, Illinois Probates, Division A, Box 82*, File 3173.
[19] *Find A Grave*, memorial #135484362 (includes headstone photo).
[20] *Find A Grave*, memorial #135485387 (includes headstone photo).
[21] *Find A Grave*, memorial #135485110 (includes headstone photo).
[22] *Find A Grave*, memorial #135485225 (includes headstone photo).
[23] *The Portrait and Biographical Record of Randolph, Jackson, Perry and Monroe Counties, Illinois* by Biographical Publishing Co. (1894).

WILLIS DAVIS next married **Elizabeth Jane Broughton** on 1 May 1855 in Randolph County, Illinois. They had at least ten children together (per the Census records, though a biography published in 1894 says they only had eight children):

4. **MARTHA JANE DAVIS**, b. 23 Aug 1856, d. 10 Jan 1942 in Los Angeles, California. Her father's will, in Item 6, identifies 'Zo Luther' (who signed as Zoa Luthy for her share of his estate) as Martha's daughter, even though she is listed as his daughter in the 1880 Census.
    a. **Florence Zoa Davis**, b. Jun 1877, d. 24 Jan 1963 in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. She married **Christopher F. W. Luthy** and they had at least five children together.
        i. **Sylvester Luthy**, b. about 1900.
        ii. **Ethan Luthy**, b. about 1905.
        iii. **Grace Elizabeth Luthy**, b. 20 Sep 1906, d. 21 Nov 1987. She married **Mr. Moore**.
        iv. **Marie Geneva Luthy**, b. 3 Aug 1913, d. 11 Aug 1995. She married **Albert Emil Hamot**.
        v. **William Howard Luthy**, b. 16 Oct 1915, d. 7 Nov 1987. He married first **Faye** (LNU), and second **Mary Elizabeth Haney**.

    MARTHA JANE DAVIS then married **John S. Smith** about 1882. The 1900 Census shows that they had four children together, all of whom were alive at that time.

    b. **Lettie Valentine Smith**, b. Jun 1883. She married **Romie Riley**.
    c. **Elizabeth M. "Lizzie" Smith**, b. Sep 1885.
    d. **William Ira Smith**, b. 2 Mar 1891. He married **Rosemary Elizabeth Dunker**, and they had a daughter:
        i. **Eva C. Smith**, b. about 1915. She married **Norval Odell Dennis, Sr.** and they had at least four children together.
    e. **Fred Smith**, b. Jan 1893.
5. **EMMA CATHERINE DAVIS**, b. 1 Jun 1858, d. 27 Nov 1938 in Bradley, Jackson County, Illinois. She married **Emanuel Steele**, and they had at least seven children together.
    a. **Morris Steele**, b. 22 Feb 1876, d. 10 Aug 1954. He married first **Lily Adaline Barrow** on 5 May 1899 and they had two children together:
        i. **Nellie Mae Steele**, b. Dec 1899, d. 27 Feb 1965.
        ii. **Ralph Steele**, b. 26 Feb 1902, d. 1 Mary 1970. He married **Lola** (LNU) and they had at least three sons together.

    He married second **Rosanna Lucy Pratt** and they had several children together:

        ii. **Stella Steele**, b. about 1905.
        iii. **Roy Walter Steele**, b. 1 Apr 1906, d. 28 Jan 1983. He married **Violet Jessie Clark** and they had at least five children together.
        iv. **Blanche Steele**, b. 10 May 1909, d. 4 Oct 1997. She married **Cecil V. Sherfly** and they had at least four children together.
        v. **George Clyde Steele**, b. 2 May 1911, d. 1968.
        vi. **Juanita Steele**, b. about 1919.

vii. **Alice Mae Steele**, b. 4 Jul 1928, d. 13 Nov 2003. She married **Mr. Blankenship**.

b. **Cora Belle Steele**, b. Jan 1879, d. 1964. She married **Joseph Edward Bartlett**. They had two children together:
   i. **Verl Bartlett**, b. about 1914.
   ii. **Russell Bartlett**, b. 23 Sep 1915, d. 13 Mar 1939. He married **Irma Mae Patton** on 28 Nov 1937.

c. **Rhoda May Steele**, b. 12 Jan 1882, d. 27 Nov 1961. She married **Clyde H. Johnson** on 5 Jun 1913. They had two sons together.[24]
   i. **Victor Steele Johnson**, b. 6 Sep 1914, d. 30 Dec 1988. He married **Rose D.** (LNU).
   ii. **William H. Johnson**, b. about 1922.

d. **Charles Kent Steele**, b. 10 Aug 1884, d. 1 Apr 1912. He married **Alvena "Vena" Gerberding** in 1906. They had two daughters.
   i. **Edith Steele**, b. about 1907.
   ii. **Grace Leona Steele**, b. 24 Mar 1911, d. 1 Jun 2004. She married **Everett Gerald Atchison** and they had three children.

e. **Ferd Steele**, b. 1887, d. 1899.

f. **Emma Maude Steele**, b. 18 May 1889, d. Oct 1974.

g. **Edith Steele**, b. Jun 1891, d. 1902.

6. **MAURICE C. DAVIS**, b. 23 Jun 1860, d. 24 Oct 1937 in Bradley, Jackson County, Illinois. He married first **Dora T. Hall** and they had a least five children together. He married second **Laura E. Will** and third **Alice Jenney**. There are no known children from the latter two marriages.

   a. **Emma Belle Davis**, b. 10 Jan 1884, d. 1972. She married **James E. Kleckner** and they had three children:
      i. **Catherine Myrle Kleckner**, b. 12 Nov 1905, d. 23 Mar 2002. She married **Mr. Miller**.
      ii. **James Arthur C. Kleckner**, b. 3 Jul 1907, d. 1987.
      iii. **Margaret Louise Kleckner**, b. 29 Nov 1908, d. 11 Aug 2001. She married **James T. Howard** on 31 Jan 1942.

   h. **Myrtle D. Davis**, b. 6 Apr 1886, d. 21 My 1960. She married **Martin W. Williams**. They had two children:
      i. **Vivian Iola Williams**, b. 6 Mar 1911, 3 Sep 2002. She married Mr. **Hartmann**.
      ii. **Maxwell Hall Williams**, b. 6 Aug 1913, d. 20 Jul 2005. He married **Merene Gladden**.

   i. **Walter Scott Davis, Sr.**, b. 4 Jan 1890. He married **Bertha Caldwell** and they had two children:
      i. **Walter Scott Davis, Jr.**, b. 26 Aug 1927, d. 27 Oct 1994. He married **Ina Mae Admire** on 20 May 1955.
      ii. **Dora Jean Davis**, b. 8 May 1930, d. 24 Feb 2004. She married **James H. Werrman**.

[24] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 69, No. 241, Tuesday, 28 November 1961*, page 2, column 4, obituary for Mrs. Roda [sic] Steele Johnson.

j. **Rosemary Roxie Davis**, b.19 Mar 1892, d. 29 Mar 1987. She married **Edward Davis** (son of **Murray Hunter Davis, Sr.** [see 7, below] and grandson of **William Carol Davis**). They had no children.
k. **Holly Davis**, b. Jul 1894.

7. **MURRAY HUNTER DAVIS**, b. 9 Feb 1863, d. 9 Mar 1947 in Bradley, Jackson County, Illinois. He married **Sarrah Elizabeth Isom** and they had at least eight children together.
   a. **Walter Davis**, b. Jul 1885.
   b. **Susan Bertha "Susie" Davis**, b. 17 Jan 1889, d. 9 Jun 1912. She married **Oren Calvin Henson**, and they had two children:
      i. **Oscar "Tidy" Cleo Henson**, b. 3 Jan 1908, d. 11 Jan 1999. He married **Violet Hilda Maris Bathel**, and they had five children together.
      ii. **Louise G. Henson**, b. about 1909.
   c. **Eva Lillian Davis**, b. 4 Jun 1892, d. 26 May 1992. She married **Harry Cameron Herin** on 4 Oct 1950.
   d. **Murray Hunter Davis, Jr.**, b. 11 Apr 1893, d. 1954. He married **Charlotte B. "Lottie" Davis** (a descendant of **Aaron Davis**).
      i. **Mary Alice Davis**, b. 28 Sep 1920, d. 26 Sep 2003.
      ii. **Raymond Laverne Davis**, b. 20 Apr 1921, d. 21 Mar 1977. He married **Geraldine E. Grosvenor** in Mississippi on 8 Nov 1947.[25]
         1. **Jimmy Davis.**
      iii. **Samuel Paul Davis**, b. 26 Mar 1925, 8 Jun 1995.
      iv. **Donald Ernest "Buck" Davis**, b. 29 May 1926, d. 19 Jul 2007. He married **Anna Mae Weatherford** on 16 May 1953.[26]
         1. **Donny Davis.**
      v. **Charles M. Davis**, b. 27 Dec 1928, d. 4 Oct 1997.
      vi. **Frank Alvin Davis**, b. 31 Mar 1929, 16 Aug 1964. He married **Joan Clinton** in 1953.
      vii. **Rosalee Louis Davis**, b. 19 Sep 1930, 21 Sep 1930.
      viii. **Floyd Allen Davis**, b. 15 Jan 1933, 17 Feb 2001.
      ix. **Bertha Romalee Davis**, b. 9 Dec 1935, d. 9 Jul 1936.
      x. **Yvonne Lucille Davis**, b. 8 Apr 1939.
   e. **John C. Davis**, b. 13 Mar 1896, d. 13 Oct 1940. He died a bachelor.
   f. **Edward Davis**, b. 21 Jun 1898, 12 Dec 1980. He married **Rosemary Roxie Davis** (daughter of **Maurice C. Davis** and granddaughter of **William Carol Davis**). They had no children.
   g. **Ralph Davis**, b. about 1903.
   h. **William Carol Davis, Sr.**, b. 8 Sep 1905, d. 5 Dec 1988. He married **Esther Grace Smith** (a third great-granddaughter of **Aaron Davis**) and they had several children together:

[25] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 85, No. 68, Tuesday, 22 Mar 1977*, page 22, column 4, Raymond L. Davis.
[26] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 114, No.202, Tuesday, 21 Jul 2007*, page 11, column 5, Donald E. 'Buck' Davis.

i. **Doris M. Davis**, b. 9 Feb 1931. She married **Rex Raymond Wright**.
ii. **William Carol Davis, Jr.**, b. 1 Feb 1932, d. 11 Aug 1997. He married **Darlene B. Stueve** and they had several children together.
iii. **Albert Gale Davis**, b. 3 Aug 1936, d. 7 Oct 2007. He married **Bonnie R.** (MNU).
iv. **Roy Clyde Davis**, b. 16 Jan 1838. He married **Johnnie May "Skeeter" Tiller**.
1. **Linda Lucresia Davis**. She married first Mr. Humphrey, and she married second **Mr. Girod**.[27]
a. **William Martin Girod**.
b. **Matthew Brendon Girod**.
2. **Tina Davis**. She married **Mr. Anderson**.
3. **Brenda Davis**. She married **Mr. Nester**.
v. **Judy A. Davis**, b. 19 Nov 1946. She married **Mr. McAdoo**.
i. **Sharon Davis**, b. about 1943. She married **Mr. Johnson**.

8. **AMANDA A. DAVIS**, b. 13 Jun 1864, d. 24 Nov 1951 in Los Angeles, California. She married **Calvin S. Carruthers** and they had at least two children together.
a. **Myrtle I. Carruthers**, b. about 1888.
b. **Roy Carl Carruthers**, b. 4 Jun 1892, d. 24 Oct 1962. He married **Mamie Mary** (MNU). They had one son, who died young.

9. **ELIZA SARAH DAVIS**, b. about 1867. She married **Harvey H. Smith** and they had several children.
a. **Jessie Lillian Smith**, b. 30 Mar 1893, d. 13 Jul 1980. She married **Fred C. Whitacre** on 8 Jun 1914.
b. **Claude William Smith**, b. 25 Jul 1894, d. 15 Dec 1962.
c. **Jack Calvin Smith**, b. 18 Mar 1896, d. 22 Oct 1969.
d. **Ralph Beckett Smith**, b. 20 Aug 1898, d. 9 Jul 1967.
e. **Edith Ann Smith**, b. 20 Feb 1901, d. 12 Feb 1977. She married **Charles E. Harper**.
f. **Eva F. "Babe" Smith**, b. about 1904.
g. **Howard Sherman "Mutt" Smith**, b. 1 Feb 1907, d. 19 Jan 1997.
h. **Frances Mildred "Sue" Smith**, b. 13 Jan 1911, d. 9 Apr 2002. She married **Marvin Delos Moss**.

10. **LENA E. DAVIS**, b. Feb 1870, d. 13 Nov 1957. She married **Cyrus M. Bardmass** and they had at least six children together.
a. **George Monroe Bardmas**, b. 22 May 1980, d. 11 Oct 1918. He married **Estella G. Pinkerton**, and they had three children together. For some reason, this line dropped the second S in Bardmass. Graves for other lines all have the double S.
i. **Rebecca Lena "Babe" Bardmas**, b. 3 Dec 1913, d. 11 Feb 1940.
ii. **Albert M. Bardmas**, b. 8 Jul 1916, d. 8 Jul 1916.
iii. **Nettie Imogene Bardmas**, b. 26 May 1917, d. 6 Jun 2014. She married **Henry A. Glodo** on 7 Feb 1937 (a third great grandson of

[27] *The Hays Daily News, Friday, 5 Mar 2004*, page A8, column 1, second article, Linda Davis Girod.

Aaron Davis) in Williamson County, Illinois. They had four sons together. Her obituary names four children:[28]

1. **Henry Albert Glodo, Jr**.
2. **Thomas A. Glodo**.
3. **John A. Glodo**.
4. **Michael J. Glodo**.

b. **Edith H. Bardmass**, b. Mar 1894. She married **Charles Burns**, and they had two daughters:

i. **Viola Edith Burns**, b. 9 Feb 1918, d. 8 Nov 2007. She married **Tiburtius E. "Tiber" Dohogne**, and they had a son together.

ii. **Nadine Mae Burns**, b. 1 May 1919, d. 4 Sep 2001. She married **Norman L. McDaniel** on 11 May 1943.

c. **William Carl Bardmass, Sr.**, b. 5 Nov 1894 d. 28 Jan 1955. He married **Myrtle Ester Caho**, and they had three children together.

i. **Dewey Henry Bardmass**, b. 8 Oct 1921, d. 25 Jul 1935.

ii. **Evelyn Lena Bardmass**, b. 24 Aug 1924, d. 26 Dec 1977. She married **Mr. Hutchison**.

iii. **William Bardmass, Jr.**, b. 14 May 1927, d. 29 Dec 1991. He married **Ella Mae Osborne** on 24 Apr 1947.

d. **Ralph Waldo Bardmass**, b. 30 Aug 1895, d. Aug 1970. He married first **Eva Adams**, and second **Bertha Marie Kammer**.

e. **Bessie Bardmass**, b. 4 Feb 1900, d. 18 Nov 1979. She married **Harry Giles Whitson** on 16 Feb 1924. They had three children:

i. **Giles Arthur Whitson**, b. 16 Mar 1925.

ii. **Eva Mae Whitson**, b. 3 Sep 1926. She married **Mr. Clark**.

iii. **Carrie Lillian Whitson**, b. 28 Jun 1929, d. 11 Nov 1934.

f. **Arthur Bardmass**, b. 23 Oct 1902, d. 1923. He married **Myrtle Dye** on 15 Dec 1921. They had one son:

i. **Arthur Cyrus Bardmass, Jr.**, b. 16 Jun 1924, d. 16 Apr 2006. He married **Shirley E. Bulmahn** and they had four children.[29]

11. **HENRY C. DAVIS**, b. 17 Mar 1872, d. 7 Jul 1970. He married **Anna S. McCormick** and they had at least seven children together.

a. **Fred Crawford Davis**, b. 24 Apr 1895, d. 19 Apr 1964. He married **Verl I. "Sally" Williamson**, and they had four children together:

i. **Frederick Paul Davis, Sr.**, b. 26 Mar 1917, d. 29 May 1998.

ii. **Margaret Evelyn Davis**, b. 3 Aug 1919, d. 8 Feb 2004. She married first a **Mr. Foster** and second a **Mr. Huntze**.

iii. **Leroy Floyd "Spike" Davis**, b. 12 Oct 1920, d. 16 Jul 2006. He married **Agnes T. "Connie" Baranoski**.

iv. **Joseph Kenneth "Joe" Davis**, b. about 1933. He married **Betty** (LNU).

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[28] *thesouthern.com/news/obituaries/nettie-glodo/article_62687085-79eb-525a-8f79-e9003fd17f5c.html*, the obituary for Nettie Glodo. Accessed 4 Nov 2017.

[29] www.legacy.com/obituaries/stltoday/obituary.aspx?n=arthur-c-bardmass&pid=17483222& Accessed 15 Apr 2017.

b. **William Calvin Davis**, b. 30 Dec 1898, d. Jan 1977. He married **Esther Le Conte** and they had at least one son:
   i. **Donald Davis**, b. about 1930.
c. **Goldie M. Davis**, b. 18 Aug 1900, d. 15 Feb 1988. She married **Ernest E. Green**, and they had two children together:
   i. **Betty Ann Green**, b. about 1927.
   ii. **Richard Lee Green**, b. about 1934.
d. **Grace Pauline Davis**, b. 30 Mar 1905, d. 29 Dec 1921.
e. **Robert Davis**, b. about 1915.
f. **Edith Marie Davis**, b. 6 Jun 1919, d. 25 Oct 1981. She married **Raymond Leo Suggs**.
g. **Charles Davis**, b. about 1920.

FLORENCE ARIZONA "ZO" "ZOA" DAVIS. *See daughter of Martha Jane Davis (above). She appears in the 1880 Census as a daughter of William Carol Davis, but his will identifies her as Martha's daughter., b. Jun 1877, d. 24 Jan 1963 in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.*

12. **HATTIE DAVIS**, b. 29 May 1877, d. 16 Sep 1902. She married **Albert C. Morgan**. They had a least two children together.
    a. **Zona Morgan**, b. 2 Dec 1898, d. 8 Aug 1994. She married **Guy Hugh McGowan** and they had at least five children together.
       i. **James Hugh McGowan**, b. 10 Nov 1920, d. 4 Jul 1964. He married **Elaine Ethridge**.
       ii. **Percy William McGowan**, b. 4 Sep 1922, d. 21 Sep 1985.
       iii. **Carrol Benjamin McGowan**, b. 6 Jun 1924, d. 23 Sep 2009. He married **Mary Ellen Millard** on 7 Aug 1949.
       iv. **Guy Edward McGowan**, b. 18 May 1927, d. 24 Dec 1931.
       v. **Mary Ida McGowan**, b. 1930, d. 1962.
    b. **Lillian Morgan**, b. about 1900.
13. **KIRT DAVIS**, b. Oct 1878. She had at least one son, and then married a **Mr. Keif**.
    a. **Freddie Davis**, b. unknown.

Amanda Filston (Davis) Cross

There is conflicting information about when Amanda was born. The 1850 Census says 1822, in 1860 it was 1824, in 1870 and 1880 it was 1823, in 1900 it was Sep 1920 and in 1910 it was 1821. Her death certificate states she was born 3 Sep 1820. William Carol Davis' memoir implies he was the eldest of Willis' children, so it is likely Amanda was born in 1823. My suspicion is that she added a couple of years to William's year of birth to arrive at her own, and since his is erroneous, that only compounded the error.

Amanda was born on 3 Sep 1820 (more likely 1823) in Gallatin, Sumner County, Tennessee, and died on 19 Feb 1913 in Crooked Creek, Bollinger County, Missouri. She married **Oliver Cross** (who was the brother of **William Carol Cross'** first wife, **Mary Anna Cross**).

1. **WILLIAM ARTHUR CROSS**, b. 5 Nov 1842, d. 2 Oct 1915 in Jefferson Township, Wayne County, Missouri.[30] He married first **Jane Crain**, and they had two children together.
    a. **Oliver Otis Cross**. He married first **Amanda P. Nance** and they had four children together. He next married **Mary T. Berry** and they had a daughter together. His children in order of birth were:
        i. **Inez Cross**, b. 3 Mar 1901, d. 26 Sep 1970. She married **Frederick Charles Wardle** on 12 Aug 1929.
        ii. **Lawrence Turley Cross**, b. 22 Dec 1902, d. 10 Nov 1957. He married **Beulah O'Brien**, but it appears that they never had children together.
        iii. **Maurice Oliver Cross**, b. 30 Oct 1905, d. 21 Mar 1978. He married **Christina Hazel Lindsey** and they had at least five children together.
            1. **Robert E. Cross**, b. 19 Oct 1926, d. 12 Apr 2014. He married **Helen M. Gouin**.
            2. **Dorothy M. Cross**, b. about 1928. She married **Mr. Jennings**.
            3. **Betty F. Cross**, b. 10 Jan 1930, d. 1 Jan 2015. She married **Orley Little**.
            4. **Harold Lee "Apple" Cross**, b. 24 Jun 1931, d. 4 Jun 2007.
            5. **Darrell "Sonk" Cross**, b. about 1935.
        iv. **Irene Cross**, b.7 Jun 1908, d. 30 Jul 1998. She married a man named **Hamm** and it is not known whether they had any children together.
        v. **Billie O. Cross**, b. 7 Aug 1917, d. 16 Jun 1992. She married **John Gurnzie Gower** on 6 Mar 1935.
    b. **Walter Morgan Cross**, b. 25 Sep 1875, d. 17 Oct 1932. He was listed as being divorced in the 1930 Census for Granite City, Illinois. He apparently was unmarried in late 1918, because, when he registered for the draft, he listed his nearest living relative as his brother **Oliver**.

[30] *Missouri State Board of Health, Death Certificate* # 32960.

WILLIAM ARTHUR CROSS married second **Caroline "Callie" Williams** on 3 Nov 1879 in Randolph County, Illinois. They are said to have had a son and a daughter, but no children of hers are found in William's 1900 Census record.

a. **Dora Effie Cross**, b. 24 Sep 1880.
b. **Malte Cross**, b. 9 Jan 1884, d. 5 Jun 1969. He married **Caroline Louise Wagner** and they had several children:
    a. **Marvin Kilby Cross**, b. 30 Jul 1905, d. 25 Nov 2000. He married **Luvinia Smith** and they had no children together.
    b. **Hugo Harold Cross**, 20 Sep 1910, 14 Feb 1996. He married first **Helen H. Clifton**, second **Bessie O. McDaniel**, and third **Bessie Jeanne Mercer**.
    c. **Mercedes C. Cross**, b. 23 Jan 1913, d. 5 Jan 1989. She married **Marvin Roswell Warren**.
        i. **Ronald D. Warren**, b. 10 Oct 1937, d. 22 Sep 2013.
        ii. **Terry Ross Warren**, b. 10 Jan 1950.
    d. **James Ralph Cross**, b. 15 May 1915, d. 3 Jan 2010. He married **Lema Province**.
        i. **Glenn T. Cross**, b. 1937.
        ii. **Kaye Cross**, b. 1940.
    e. **Harriett J. Cross**, b. 13 Feb 1924, d. 5 Oct 2011. She married **Jewel Jackson Smith**.

WILLIAM ARTHUR CROSS married third **Mrs. Louisa Jane Pritchett**, and they had at least three children together.

c. **William Willis Cross**, b. 7 May 1888. He apparently died young, as he was not listed in the 1900 Census with his parents.
d. **Earl Cross**, b. 11 Dec 1890, d. 30 Sep 1976. He married **Cora M. May**. They had no children together.
e. **Clinton Alexander Cross**, b. 28 Apr 1900, d. 3 Apr 1985. He married **Mary W**. It is not known if they ever had any children together.

2. **JOHN A. CROSS**, b. 7 Mar 1846, d. 21 Jan 1874 in Jackson County, Illinois.[31] He married **Louisa W. Crain** and they had at least three children together.
    a. **Ada J. Cross**, b. 24 Dec 1867, d. 6 Aug 1871.
    b. **John Norris Cross**, b. 9 Feb 1870, d. 18 Sep 1951. He married **Julia Nettie Lee**, and they had several children together:
        i. **Myrtle M. Cross**, b. 28 Dec 1890, d. Jun 1973. She married **James Earl Cummins, Senior**, and they had at least 10 children together.
            1. **Doris Cummins**, b. 24 Apr 1914, d. Jan 1990. She married a **Mr. Williams** and a **Mr. Draper**.
            2. **Howard James Cummins**, b. 28 Nov 1916, d. 8 Jul 1988. He married **Alberta L. McAllister** on 19 Aug 1966.
            3. **Norma Elizabeth Cummins**, b. about 1918.
            4. **Wanda Cummins**, b. 23 Nov 1920, d. 15 Nov 2001. She married **James Blaine Boone**, a **Mr. Stowers** and a **Mr. File**.

[31] *Find A Grave*, Memorial #96614053 (headstone photo).

5. **Virginia Mae Cummins**, b. 21 May 1922, d. 15 Feb 1997. She married **Jesse M. Young**.
6. **James Earl Cummins, Jr.**, b. 24 Jun 1923, 7 Dec 1996.
7. **Loretta Cummins**, b. 13 Jan 1927, d. 4 Nov 1927.
8. **Loraine Cummins**, b. 13 Jan 1927 (she was alive in 1940).
9. **Timothy Kenneth Cummins**, b. 12 Apr 1930, 5 Oct 1996.
10. **Dwight Cummins**, b. about 1933.

ii. **Edgar Cross**, b. 27 Sep 1894, d. 23 Feb 1947.

iii. **Shelby William Cross**, b. 20 Feb 1896, d. 22 Jul 1975. He was married to **Zula L. Vollmer** on 23 Sep 1949 and **Leon** (LNU). In the 1930 Census he was listed as a prisoner in Southern Illinois Penitentiary.

iv. **May Effie Cross**, b. 24 Oct 1899, d. unknown. She married **Aaron Anderson Wood** and they had at least one daughter together.

1. **Eleanora M. Wood**, b. about 1917.

v. **Orville J. Cross**, b. 7 Apr 1912, d. May 1990. He married **Marie Ann Metzger** and they had at least two sons together.

1. **Robert E. Cross**, b. about 1934.
2. **Kenneth C. Cross**, b. about 1936.

c. **Murray Cross**, b. 2 Oct 1875, d. 16 Jul 1939. He married **Mary Creath** and they had at least two sons together. Aside from the 1880 Census for Jackson County, Illinois and his WWI draft registration in Sheridan County, Montana, little is known of this man. Several trees on Ancestry.com imply that he had another son by **Rose Mary Hundley** (iii, below).

i. **Clifford Cross**, b. about 1893. The only record found for him was the 1910 Census, when he was living with **Mary Creath's** parents.

ii. **Earl Cross**, b.23 Nov 1895, d. Mar 1972. He married **Myrtle Stanley** and they had at least one child together.

1. **Betty Mae Cross**, b. 7 Aug 1928, d. 5 Feb 1996. She **married Marvin F. Williams**.

iii. **Charles Harrison "Harry" Cross**, b. 14 Feb 1898, d. 13 Nov 1969. He married first **Della Quigley**, and they had at least one daughter together. He married second **Nina Mae Loy**, and they had at least three children together.

1. **Gerald Cross**, b. 1920, d. 18 Mar 1925.
2. **Jack Loy Cross**, b. 11 Oct 1927, d. 4 Nov 1997.
3. **Joanne Cross**, b. about 1931.
4. **Jane Cross**, b. about 1936.

3. **WILLIS HENRY CROSS**, b. 8 May 1847, d. 27 Nov 1889 in Kincaid Township, Jackson County, Illinois.[32] He is rather difficult to research, as Census records are missing for him in 1870 and 1880. However, there are some cemetery records that give at least a partial picture of his first family. He married first **Amanda Talbott**.

[32] *Find A Grave*, Memorial #96877800 (no headstone photo).

a. **Dillard A. Cross**, b. 23 Sep 1866, d. 3 Jul 1867.
b. **Ulyssus S. Grant Cross**, b. 26 Feb 1868, d. 19 Aug 1870.
c. **Elvira M. Cross**, b. 17 Dec 1870, d. 24 Aug 1956. She married **William Arthur Elliott** and they had the following children together:
    i. **Amanda Elizabeth "Lizzie" Elliott**, b.1 Nov 1889, d. Jun 1974. She married first **Murry Bilderback** and they had two children together. She married second **August Herman Schuetz** and they had no children together.
        1. **Murry Kenneth Bilderback**, b. He married **Bessie L. Schuetz** (a descendant of **Aaron Davis**). They had one daughter together.
        2. **Neva Loree Bilderback**, b. 26 Jun 1916, d. 9 Feb 2007. She married **Robert V. Knight**. They had two children together.
    ii. **Mary Anna B. Elliott**, b. Mar 1892. She married first **W. E. Higgins** and second **S. W. Browning**. It is not known if either marriage produced any offspring.
d. **James Moody "Mudy" Cross**, b. 1875, d. 3 Jul 1879.

He married second **Samantha Isadora Mifflin**, and they had two children together:

e. **Fred Cross, Sr.**, b. 14 Oct 1885, d. 27 Oct 1984. He married first **Rosey Alice Moore**, and they had a large family together. He then married Rachel M. Brown, and it is not known if they had any children together.
    i. **Iola Amanda Cross**, b. 8 Oct 1907, d. 17 Apr 1987. She married first **William "Mac" Bradshaw**, and married second a **Mr. Gamblin**. It is not known if either marriage resulted in any children.
    ii. **Aletha Alice Cross**, b. 8 Jul 1909, d. 27 Mar 2004. She married **Frederick Eugene Vigor** and they had four children together:
        1. **Eugenia Vigor**, b. about 1928.
        2. **William Vigor**, b. about 1931.
        3. **Helen Vigor**, b. about 1934.
        4. **Judith Ann Vigor**, b. about 1939.
    iii. **Helen Mae Cross**, b. 8 Sep 1911, d. 30 May 2000. She married **Leslie R. Vancil** and they had at least one son together.
        1. **Robert D. Vancil**, b. about 1928.
    iv. **Randal Sanford Cross**, b. 20 Jan 1914, d. 22 Oct 1996. It is not known if he ever married.
    v. **Fred Cross, Jr.**, b. 12 Aug 1916, d. 10 Apr 1995. He married **Nelda Grace Frazier**. It is not known whether they had any children.
    vi. **William Willis Cross**, b. 4 Apr 1918, d. 27 May 1991. It is not known whether he ever married.
    vii. **Melba Rose Cross**, b. 22 Dec 1920, d. 20 Apr 2009. She never married.

viii. **Lillian M. Cross**, b. 22 Apr 1924. She married **Mr. Presson**. It is not known if they had any children together.

ix. **Wayne B. Cross**, b. about 1933. It is not known if he ever married.

Margaret (Davis) Belsha

Margaret Davis married Ferdinand Belsha in Perry County Missouri (directly west and across the Mississippi River from Jackson County, Illinois) on 3 May 1842, and on 9 May 1848 he married Catherine Crowder. The 1850 Census for Bois Brule Township showed that the household of Ferdinand and Catherine had three daughters: Ann, age 6, Eliza J., age 4, and Mary C., age 1. No record of Ferdinand is found in the 1860 Census, but residing in the household of Amanda Filston (Davis) Cross in that Census for Jackson County, Illinois are Nancy J. Belcher, age 16, and Eliza Belcher, age 14. It seems that Margaret (Davis) Belsha died sometime between 1846 and 1848, and that Ferdinand died sometime in the 1850s.

The descendants of Ferdinand and Margaret (Davis) Belsha are as follows:

1. **NANCY ANN BELSHA**, b. 15 Dec 1845 in Perry County, Missouri, d. 13 Jun 1865, likely in Jackson County, Illinois.[33] She married **Joel Crain Barber** on 2 Aug 1864 in Jackson County. He then married **Anna Maria McCormick** on 1 Feb 1866, suggesting that Nancy had died shortly after her marriage. His 1870 Census records does not include any children that he might have had by Nancy.
2. **ELIZA J. BELSHA**, b. 1846, Perry County, Missouri, d. 1879 in Jackson County, Illinois.[34] She married first **Disney Crain** on 25 Mar 1864 in Jackson County. They had the following children together:
    a. **Onora Addie Crain**, b. 21 Dec 1864, d. 1961. She married first **William M. Taylor** and second **H. H. Wallace** (they had no children together). Children by her first husband were:
        i. **John Crain Taylor**, b. 4 Jun 1900.
    b. **Nancy G. Crain**, b. 28 Nov 1866, d. 18 May 1871.
    c. **Ferdinand Crain**, b. 4 Mar 1869, d. 17 Apr 1943. He married first Sophia Cochran on 5 Nov 1889. They had an infant son who was born and died in 1894. He next married **Kit Childers** on 8 Apr 1894. They had several children together:
        i. **Murray Henry Crain**, b. 24 Feb 1895, d. 1 Feb 1944. He married **Getta Alice Park** in 1914. They had one son together before they divorced. Murray never remarried.
            1. **Clarence J. Crain**, b. 4 Oct 1915, d. 1 Mar 1970.
        ii. **Walter Dewey Crain**, b.3 May 1898, d. 20 Oct 1952. He married **Mary Rosa White**, and they had at least one son:
            1. **James Edward Crain**, b. 15 Aug 1919, d. 9 Aug 1990. He married **Marie** (LNU) and they had at least one son together.
        iii. **Mary Crain**, b. about 1903.
        iv. **Carrie M. Crain**, b. 3 Feb 1905, d. 4 Jun 1951. She married **Herman Frederick Koseck**.

[33] *Find A Grave*, Memorial #54132036 (no headstone photo).
[34] *Find A Grave*, Memorial #20555237 (headstone photo).

v. **Ernest Crain**, b. 9 Feb 1912, d. 9 Oct 1989. He married first **Fern Matlock**, who died in 1936. He married second **Mavis L. Vergano** in 1947. He had one daughter by his first marriage:
   1. **Lois Carol Crain**, b. 15 Mar 1932, d. 6 Mar 2012. She married first **Floyd G. Wolz** on 18 Nov 1950. She married second **George F. Holtkamp** on 4 Apr 1959. She married third **Wayne Boulter**. She had four sons by her first marriage, and one by her second.[35]

d. **Maurice Henry Crain**, b. 7 Jun 1874, d. 25 Nov 1946. He married **Eva A. Hatfield** on 6 Jun 1899. They had a son and daughter together.
   i. **Delmer L. Crain**, b. 3 Dec 1901, d. 2 Apr 1988. He married **Theodora Rathmann**, and they had one daughter together:
      1. **Joan Olga Crain**, b. about 1931.
   ii. **Grace M. Crain**, b. about 1905. She married **Elmer Kanady**.

e. **Disney Francis Crain**, b. 7 Aug 1878, d. 9 Apr 1848. He married **Estella J. (Williams) Holtz** on 12 May 1921.[36] They had one son together.
   i. **Kenneth Walter Crain**, b. 19 Feb 1922, d. 21 Jul 1974. He married **Vera Davenport** on 1 Mar 1947.

[35] *https://www.mysullivannews.com/2012/03/lois-boulter*. Obituary for Lois Boulter. Accessed 19 Apr 2017.

[36] He used the name John M. Crain in this marriage. Their son, Kenneth Walter Crain of Yankton, South Dakota is mentioned in an obit found on *Find A Grave Memoria*l # 128998571.

Martha Jane (Davis) Purdy

The following biography provides a concise description of her husband and family:[37]

> *"**HENRY I. PURDY**. In the year 1842 some eight or ten families emigrated from Vermont and settled in Jackson County, Ill., forming what was and is known today as Vergennes Colony. **Isham Purdy's** family, consisting of father, mother and seven children, formed a part of this colony – three boys and four girls, **Henry I.**, the subject of this sketch, being the oldest son…*
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> *"…After settling in their new home the subject of this sketch, **Henry I. Purdy**, then nineteen years old, worked for his father on his farm during the crop season, teaching school during the winter months, the proceeds of which he gave to his father. He was born in Vergennes, Vt., February 19, 1823. He was married to **Jane Davis** in 1846, and, like his father, he commenced life on a dirt floor and slept on a borrowed feather bed until he could afford to buy one. He bought land on time, work for his neighbors for the money to make the payments, and many were the moonlight nights that he put in grubbing out his farm, so that when in 1862 he was called to defend his country he left his family 240 acres of land out of debt, with plenty of stock and tools to carry it on and money in the bank, and his children can look back to-day and say, 'Our father owed only $3 at the time of his death, and that was to his minister.' To his union with **Miss Davis** were born three children, viz.: **John Westley**, who entered the army at the age of sixteen as a drummer boy and served to the end (he now lives on his farm in Makanda, Ill.); **Elvira I.** married **R. A. Hall**; **Amanda E.** married **Henry H. Stone**, and both reside at Billings, Mo."*

Martha Jane Davis married Henry I. Purdy on 25 Dec 1845 in Jackson County, Illinois. She was born about 1827 near Nashville, Tennessee, and died around 1853 in Jackson County. As noted in the above biography, she and Henry had three children together:

1. **JOHN WESLEY PURDY**, b. 30 Mar 1847 in Virginia, Cass County, Illinois, d. 15 Feb 1931 in Herrin, Williamson County, Illinois. He first married **Nancy P. Cole** on 29 Jul 1866 in Jackson County, Illinois. They had five children together.
    a. **Isabelle C. "Belle" Purdy**, b. about 1868 in Illinois. She married **E. W. Holton** on 30 Mar 1886, but no trace of them is found of them in public records after the marriage.
    b. **Louis Purdy**, b. about 1876.
    c. **Earnest F. Purdy**, b. 1877, d. 1912.[38] He married **Renda Loucinda Dodd**. They had at least four children together:
        i. **Lula Bell Purdy**, b. about 1904.
        ii. **Robert Earl Purdy**, b.1905, d. 1961.
        iii. **Helen Edna Purdy**, b. 13 Feb 1908, d. 6 Aug 1998. She married a **Mr. Welch**.

[37] *A Reminiscent History of the Ozark Region* by Goodspeed Publishing Company (originally published 1894), pages 432 and 433.
[38] *Find A Grave*, Memorial #1125596639 (headstone photo).

iv. **Renda Reon Purdy**, b. at 1911. She married **Arthur Emmanuel Lindsey**.

d. **Arthur Lee Purdy**, b. 3 Feb1883, d.12 May 1942 in Perry County, Illinois. He married **Doris D. Eaton** and they had at least two children together.

i. **Esther Lee Purdy**, b. about 1906. She married **Robert C. Ferguson** on 17 Apr 1947, and they divorced on 21 Feb 1952.

ii. **Lester Francis Purdy**, b. 6 Sep 1906, d. 19 Jan 1983. He married **Ruth Crellita Eaton**.

1. **Jacky Purdy**, b. about 1928.
2. **Thomas Gene "Tommie" Purdy**, b. 28 Dec 1929.
3. **David Wayne Purdy**, b. 26 Mar 1939, d. 29 Nov 2015. He married **Hilda Sue Saunders** on 1 May 1961 in Decatur, Illinois. They had a son and daughter.[39]

e. **Edgar Herman Purdy**, b. 5 May 1886, d. 1952. He married **Minnie Kate Wright** and they had at least seven children together.

i. **Wilma E. Purdy**, b. 15 Jan 1911, d. 23 Apr 1932. She married **Charles Davis**.

ii. **Loren A. Purdy**, b. 10 Feb 1914, d. 6 Oct 1993. He married **Verna M.** (LNU).[40]

1. **Ronald Purdy**, b. about 1939.
2. **Fred Purdy**, b. unknown.
3. **Brenda Purdy**, b. unknown.

iii. **Edgar Blaine Purdy**, b. 10 May 1915, d. 13 Sep 1967. He married **Ferne L. Phillips**, and they had at least one son:

1. **Jackie Purdy**, b. about 1939.

iv. **Syble R. Purdy**, b. 10 Dec 1918, 28 Feb 2010. She married **Oran B. Leffingwell**.

1. **Ruth Ann Leffingwell**, b. 21 May 1947, d. 2 Oct 2002. She married a **Mr. Ruhlander** and **Roger Alan Schlipf**.

v. **Leslie Eugene Purdy**, b. 28 Jan 1922, d. 13 Apr 2003. He married **Julia C. Mery** on 15 Aug 1946. They had a son and daughter together.[41]

vi. **Gladys Laveau Purdy**, b. 28 Jul 1926, d. 21 Jul 2004. She married a **Mr. Stephens** and **Howard L. Russ** on 3 Sep 1966.

vii. **Paul Lloyd Purdy**, b. 28 May 1929, d. 25 Jun 2006.

2. **ELVIRA ISABELLA PURDY**, b. 17 Mar 1849, d. 8 Aug 1933. She married **Richard A. Hall**. They had one son together:

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[39] *http://thesouthern.com/news/local/obituaries/david-purdy/article_cf1b32cc-c414-5e54-aa9c-b60f413c9e9f.html*. Obituary for David Wayne Purdy. Accessed 20 Apr 2017.

[40] *Find A Grave*, memorial #88674424. Includes headstone photo and an unsourced obituary. Accessed 20 Apr 2017.

[41] *http://www/olneydailymail.com/article/20121217/Obituaries/121219291*. Obituary for Julia C. (Mery) Prudy. Accessed 20 Apr 2017.

a. **Harry Purdy Hall**, b. 20 May 1880 in Missouri, d. 2 Sep 1962 in Dallas, Texas. He married **Eva Leota Doolittle**. They had at least two daughters together:
    i. **Helen Leota Hall**, b. 25 Jun 1905, d. 18 Nov 1975. She married **Edwin O. Boehringer**.
    ii. **Hazel Hall**, b. about 1907

3. **AMANDA ELIZABETH PURDY**, b. 6 Jan 1851, d. 7 May 1940. She married **Henry Harrison Stone** on 22 Oct 1874 in Jackson County, Illinois. They had at least three children together:
    a. **Arthur Henry Stone**, b. 25 Apr 1879, d. Jan 1963. He married **Emma H. Hildreth** and they had at least two daughters together.
        i. **Dorothy E. Stone**, b. about 1910.
        ii. **Marjorie Stone**, b. 18 Aug 1913, d. 4 Feb 2002. She married **Garland F. Sears**.
    b. **Eloise E. Stone**, b. 22 Feb 1882, d. Oct 1977. She married **Zachary T. "Jack" Gray** and they had at least four children together.
        i. **Jack Stone Gray**, b. 13 Dec 1918, 10 Jan 1970. He married **Margaret** (LNU).
            1. **Lynn Gray**, b. about 1939.
        ii. **Ralph Henry Gray**, b. 23 Feb 1921, d. 8 Sep 1998.
        iii. **Elizabeth Ann Gray**, b. about 1925.
        iv. **Mary Eloise Gray**, b. about 1927.
    c. **Paul Purdy Stone**, b. 22 Jun 1888, d. Jul 1964. He married **Mary Elizabeth Phifer** and they had at least one daughter together.
        i. **Ruth Eloise Stone**, b. She married **Marion Ballard Richmond** on 21 Jun 1941.

If you are going to be a pioneer…
you cannot be faint of heart.
-William Campbell

Chapter 3: James Davis

It is well established that James Davis came to the area that would become known as Jackson County, Illinois around 1808 ("where Murphysboro now is") when the area was part of Randolph County, *Indiana* Territory.[42] That was a mere three years after the Louisiana Purchase allowed the land west of the Mississippi River to become part of the United States, which at that time included just seventeen states. And it was only two years after Lewis and Clark returned from their expedition to the Pacific Ocean. He had lived there barely three years when the magnitude 7.5 New Madrid earthquake, which was felt as far away as New York City and Charleston, South Carolina, struck less than 100 miles to the south in late 1811, with aftershocks that continued for years afterward. The shocks were so intense as to crack chimneys across the eastern seaboard, from at least Pennsylvania to South Carolina.

It is not clear who all of James Davis' children were, due to two main factors:

1. The combination of a very common given name, coupled with a very common surname, and
2. The 1843 fire at Brownsville that destroyed most of the courthouse records for Jackson County.

So, part of the purpose of this book is to see how much of James' family we can cobble together from available sources.

There is a printed source that states that James and his son William were "from North Carolina," and another source that claims that James Davis had settled in North Carolina "at a very early date."[43,44] And Census records do confirm that his sons William and Thomas were both born in North Carolina, the latter around 1806.

The probate file of James Davis shows that he died on 8 May 1843 without leaving a will, and that William Davis posted a $1,000 bond to administer the estate. James' widow, Anna, relinquished her right to administer the estate, with Elias Davis (son of William Davis) acting as a witness to that act. Buyers at the estate sale included William Davis and his sons, Manning Glenn, Andrew J. Davis, Abraham Hanson, R. R. Reese, William Wood, Thomas Hanny, William A. Spiller, John Deason, Peter Gill, William Roach, John Robinson, Sr., George W. Gill, John Miracle, John Yorke, Aaron Jones and Joseph Taylor. Those indebted to his estate included John Bradshaw, Alexander Cochran, Joseph and John Holem, James Baly, (?) Goliher and Asa Hicks.[45] It would appear that this file is incomplete, as there is no record of a distribution of proceeds to any of James' heirs. However, it appears that he likely had disposed of all of his real estate prior to his death, so it would have mainly been personal property which would have been split.

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[42] *History of Jackson County, Illinois* by Brink, McDonough & Company (1878), page 24.
[43] *History of Jackson County, Illinois* by Brink, McDonough & Company (1878), page 116.
[44] *Portrait and Biographical Record of Randolph, Jackson, Perry and Monroe Counties, Illinois* by Biographical Publishing Company (1894), page 698.
[45] *Jackson County, Illinois Probates, Division A, Box 16*, File 605.

Census records show that in 1818 there was one James Davis living in Jackson County, and he was enumerated living next to Aaron Davis. In the 1820 Illinois Census there is again only one James Davis. He is living in Bluff Precinct and his household is a good match to that found in the 1818 Census. However, in the 1820 Federal Census, in addition to this James is another, younger James Davis who is found living in Saline Precinct, and all of his children were under 10 years of age. In 1830, only the elder James Davis is still living in Jackson County. No 1840 Census record was found for James Davis.

The census households of James Davis are a consistent match throughout the two Illinois and two Federal Census records, so he was likely also the elder of the two J. Davises who are found in the 1810 Illinois Census (the other was almost certainly Joshua Davis). That record is also a consistent match for what other census records tell us of James Davis' family. Thus, from 1810 to 1843, there is *only one* James Davis that is consistently found in the readily available public records of Jackson County, Illinois. Establishing that as fact greatly simplifies the task of identifying his children, as it assures that he is not being confused with another man of the same name.

James Davis' Three Homesteads

As will be detailed in the following sections, James Davis had three homesteads in Jackson County. The first might best be termed as a squatter's camp, since at the time it was not possible for him to have owned property there. In selling that property, he was likely compensated for clearing the woods to make it possible to grow crops, and for some simple improvements such as fencing, corrals and likely a small cabin.

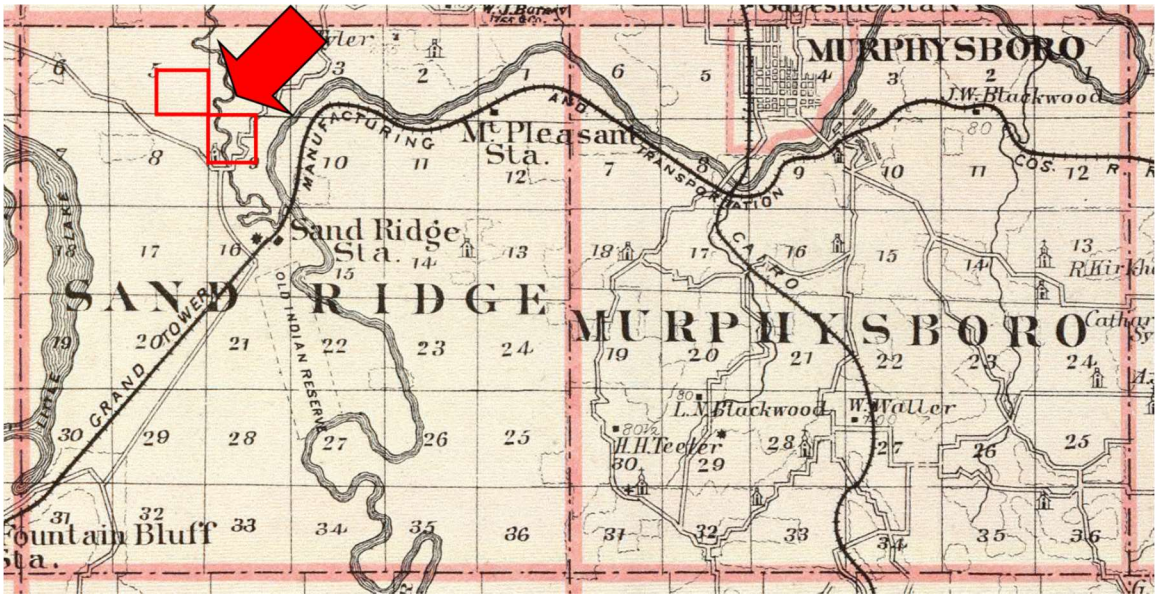
The second was his "place at the bluffs." This was likely intended to be a permanent homestead, as it was ideally situated on the road to Kaskaskia. At that time, there wasn't really much of a destination in Jackson County, so it would be incorrect to say that he settled on the road from Kaskaskia to where first Brownsville and then Murphysboro would be built, as neither town had even been dreamt of at that time. But it was the old Indian trail/game trail that connected Kaskaskia to points south and east. As such, James eventually established a tavern on his property, to serve the travelers along the route. That homestead came to be known as the Tom Davis place, since he gave part of the property to his son Thomas.

The road alongside the Mississippi River to Kaskaskia was problematic. A lot of streams and rivers drained into the Mississippi, creating many challenges even in times of low water levels. For that reason, a new road was soon laid out above the bluffs, which passed through the prairies of northeastern Jackson County. Stream crossings were fewer, narrower and the entire route was generally drier than the old route. James realized that this meant it would be easier to take his cattle to the lucrative market in Saint Louis, so he and his son William made land entries there. That homestead is best described as the William Davis place.

The Squatter's Camp

Benningsen Boon, son of Captain William Boon, recollected that James Davis had originally settled in the vicinity of Brownsville and sold his property to Colonel George Creath (rhymes with breath) around 1812, and that James had subsequently moved to his "place at the Bluffs" in 1812 or 1813. George Creath had arrived in the area around 1809[46] and is said to have died in 1813, though a George Creath (his son?) was elected sheriff of Jackson County on 17 Jan 1816, a position he held until 15 Apr 1822.[47,48]

Prior to 1814, it was *not* legal for Americans to own land in Illinois Territory, at least not land that was located outside of the established French colonial settlements. So, as pioneer surveyors were mapping Illinois' Public Land Survey System in preparation for the public sale of the lands owned by the Federal Government, they would make note of any people who were found squatting upon the land. Those who had made certain improvements and could establish that they had occupied the land by 5 Feb 1813 were granted a preemption that allowed them to purchase the property from the Government Land Office prior to those lands being offered for sale to the general public. A down payment of 1/20th of the purchase price (at $2 per acre) was required in order to make a land entry, the first step toward obtaining title to the land.[49]



1876 map showing George Creath's Section 5 property and the Section 9 property that he had purchased from James Davis around 1813.[50]

[46] *Historical Sketches of Jackson County, Illinois* by E. Newsome (1894), page 49.
[47] *Territorial Records of Illinois* by Edmund J. James (1901), page 40.
[48] *Inventory of the County Archives of Illinois: Jackson County [Murphysboro] No. 39* by Public Works Administration's History Records Survey, page 38.
[49] *Colonial and Territorial Research Collection of Illinois: Land Series, Vol XIX, Pre-Emption Permits in 1813*, by Raymond H. Hammes (unpublished, date unknown), page 321. FHL microfilm # 1543598.
[50] *Atlas of the State of Illinois* by Union Atlas Company (1876), page 142, Jackson County.

The above map shows James' property being bisected by Kinkaid Creek. The 1968 USGS Oraville, Illinois Quadrangle shows Creath Cemetery located in the southwest corner of the property, just north of Highway 149.

George Creath's preemption (#13) was proven by the testimony of John Wooten,[51] who stated that he had occupied a portion of Section 5 [T9S, R2W{sic: R3W}] prior to 5 Feb 1813.[52] After the Kaskaskia Land Office opened on 10 Aug 1814 (the second such land office to be established in Illinois Territory), George Creath set about establishing ownership of the land that he had been squatting upon. On 14 Sep 1814 he made his land entry for the NE ¼ of Section 9, T9S, R3W and the SE ¼ of Section 5, T9S, R3W, as shown in the map above.

In James Davis' deposition before the commissioners who had been assigned to review preemption requests, James Hall, Junior and Elias Barcroft both testified that he had improved and cultivated a portion of Section 9 prior to 5 Feb 1813. This would seem to corroborate the account provided by Benningsen Boon, as one interpretation of that information is that the George Creath and James Davis had been neighbors when James Davis decided to sell out and move a short distance west.

George Creath's wife was said to have died around 1812, in an outbreak of disease that claimed many lives in the general population and in the army.[53] On 28 Mar 1814, George Creath married the Widow Elizabeth (Steele) McCallister in Randolph County.[54]

On 26 May 1817, George received the patent to his land. He is found in the 1818 Illinois Census living in a household of 12, only one of whom was a male over the age of 21 years.[55] In the 1820 Census, in the household of George Creath there is one male aged 45+ living with several adults. And there is a George Creath who served as a grand juror in 1824, 1825 and 1826 and as a traverse juror in 1828. At least one source claims that George Creath had died in 1813.[56] If this is correct, then it would seem that references to George Creath after that date are for his same-named son.

On 10 Jan 1814, Jane Creath married William Davis in Randolph County, Illinois Territory. In the 1818 Illinois Census, there is only one William Davis living in the area, who was living in a household of four with one male over the age of 21.[57] Later on, we will take a closer look at this William Davis.

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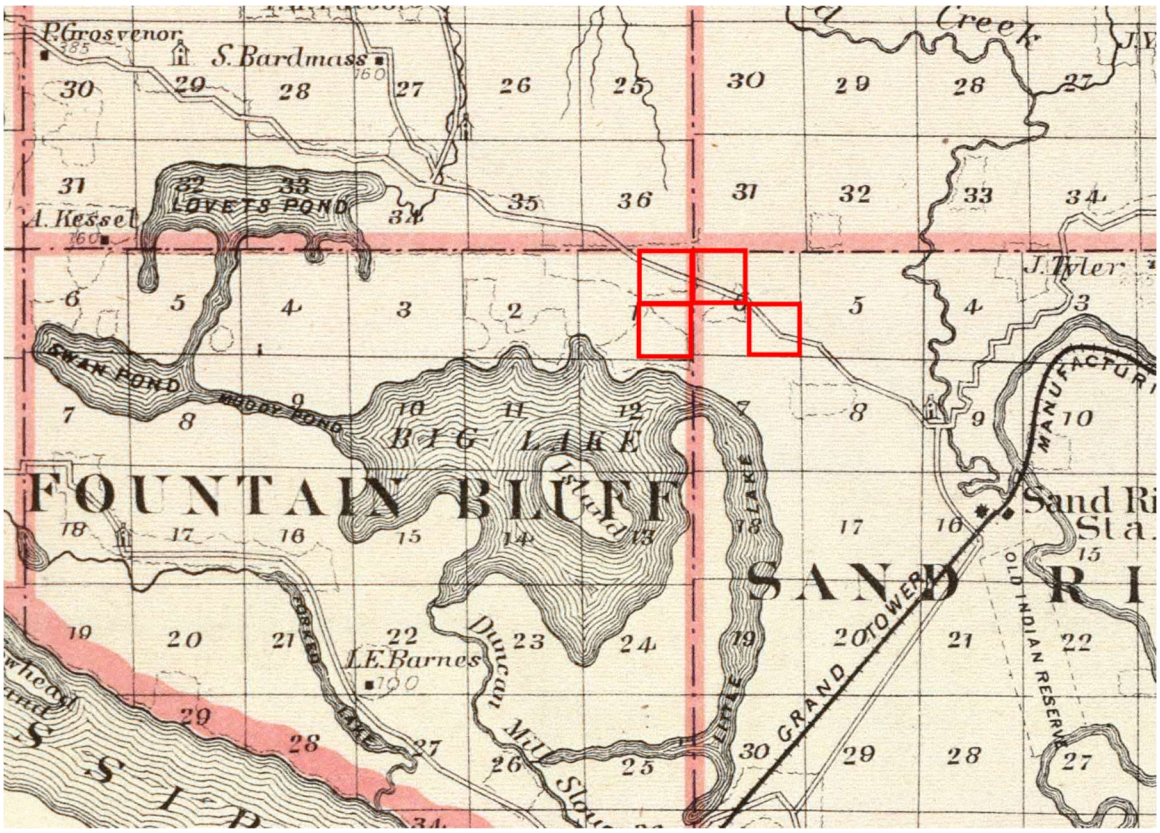
[51] It is worth noting that in 1816 in Randolph County, Illinois Eleanor Wooten and Nathan Davis were administrators of the estate of John Wooten.
[52] *Colonial and Territorial Research Collection of Illinois: Land Series, Vol XIX, Pre-Emption Permits in 1813*, by Raymond H. Hammes (unpublished, date unknown), page 354. FHL microfilm # 1543598.
[53] *History of Jackson County, Illinois* by Brink, McDonough & Company (1878), page 30.
[54] *Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763-1900* (database) by Illinois Secretary of State, accessed Oct 2014.
[55] *Illinois Census Returns, 1810 and 1818* by Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library (1935, republished 1969), page 104.
[56] *Historical Sketches of Jackson County, Illinois* by E. Newsome (1894), page 48.
[57] *Illinois Census Returns, 1810 and 1818* by Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library (1935, republished 1969), page 104.

The Tom Davis Place

After selling his property to Colonel George Creath, James Davis moved a short distance west along the road to Kaskaskia, which followed the bluff which flanks the northern/eastern edge an ancient channel of the Mississippi River. Below the road (to the south and west) was mainly marshland and shallow lakes, a prime wildlife habitat, and at the time it was of marginal value for farming.

On 3 Sep 1814, James was granted preemption number 245 for the NW ¼ and SE ¼ of Section 6, T9S, R3W and for the NE ¼ and SE ¼ of Section 1, T9S, R4W, which at the time was located in Randolph County, Illinois Territory (a total of 320 acres). His preemption was proved by the testimony of James Hall, Junior and Elias Barcroft.[58] These properties are shown on the map below.



1876 map showing location of James Davis' preemption claims.

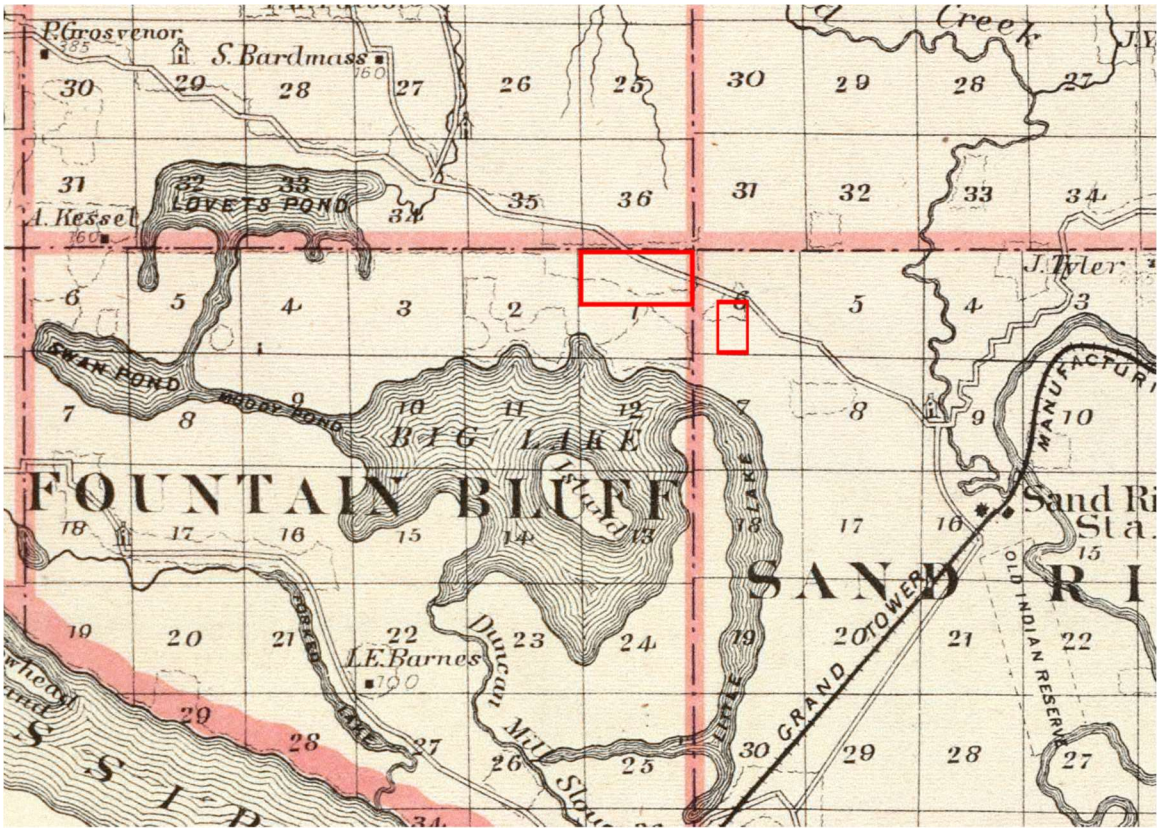
As noted earlier, in the 1820 Illinois Census James Davis was enumerated within Bluff Precinct. Recall also that two years earlier the Illinois Census showed that he had been living next to Aaron Davis, whose farm was located about seven miles due south. Was he living with Aaron while improving his new property? That is likely the case, as John M. Gill had recounted his experiences immediately after his family arrived in Illinois in

[58] *Colonial and Territorial Research Collection of Illinois: Land Series, Vol XIX, Pre-Emption Permits in 1813*, by Raymond H. Hammes (unpublished, date unknown), page 354.

1813, and stated that James Davis, Alexander Cochran and James Gill were living close to Grand Tower (which is near where Aaron's farm was located).[59]

However, contrary to the land described in his preemption claim, James only made a land entry on the N ½ (the NW ¼ and the NE ¼) of Section 1, T9S, R4W, which he did on 1 Oct 1814. This property, which totaled 282.91 acres, was patented by Henry Kimmel and the heirs of Henry Laughlin on 1 May 1824, to whom it had been assigned by William Boon from James Davis, who had made the original land entry.[60] In a subsequent deed dated 10 Mar 1825, Henry Kimmel of Randolph County, Illinois and his wife Susanna sold half of the property back to James Davis.[61]

James likely had changed his mind about the location of lands that he wished to purchase prior to visiting the land office in Kaskaskia, as the properties were still available for purchase after he had made his entry for the above property. The Section 6 properties were purchased by James O'Hara about six months later. The SE ¼ of Section 7 didn't sell for quite some time after that.



1876 map showing James Davis land entries of 1814 and 1821.

[59] *http://genealogytrails.com/ill/jackson/biojohngill.htm*
[60] *Government Land Office Records*, accession # CV-0092-679, and FamilySearch, *United States, Bureau of Land Management Tract Books, Illinois, Vol none, Kaskaskia*, page 148, *Family History Library*, image 149 of 3030.
[61] *Jackson County, Illinois Deeds, Book D*, pages 249-251.

In addition to the above property, James made a land entry for the E ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 6, T9S, R3W on 12 Sep 1821. The locations of these land entries are shown on the map above.

James received the patent to the 1821 property on 22 Jun 1824.[62] On 5 Dec 1838, James and Sally Davis sold this property (containing 69.33 acres) to James Henson for $380 (James Henson's wife was Elizabeth Davis, a daughter of Aaron Davis).[63] James Davis, Junior was one of the witnesses (this was likely his grandson by Ralph Davis, as Aaron's son James had died before then, and this James Davis was too young to be James' son).

It was likely on the 1814 property that, in Dec 1823, the County Commissioners granted a license to James Davis to operate a tavern in his house. The license cost $6, plus court costs.[64] And on 1 Mar 1824, he was appointed as a fence viewer for Saline Township (which was located east of Murphysboro).[65]

James' license to operate a tavern was renewed at the County Commissioners meeting of 8 Mar 1825, where he was given the option of paying $2 in specie or $6 in state paper money, plus court costs.[66] Rates were set for tavern charges, as follows:

"Keeping a horse overnight on grain and hay, or grain and fodder	*37 1/2¢*
Ditto if for one day and one night	*50¢*
Corn or oats as feed for horses, per gallon	*12¢*
Breakfast, dinner or supper, each	*25¢*
Lodging overnight	*12 ½¢*
For liquors sold:	
French brandy, wine or rum	*25¢ per half pint*
Peach brandy or cherry bounce	*12 ½¢ per pint*
Whiskey	*12 ½¢ per half pint*
Cider	*12 ½¢ per quart*
Cider oil	*18 ½¢ per quart"*

On 8 Mar 1826, James Davis was appointed as the supervisor of the poor for Saline District.[67]

On 21 Apr 1832, James Davis and *Elizabeth* his wife gifted a quarter of their Section 1 property (E ½ NE ¼ of Section 1, T9S, R4W) for $10 and "…in consideration of the love

[62] *Government Land Office Records*, accession # CV-0094-050.
[63] *Jackson County, Illinois Deeds, Book D*, pages 199-201.
[64] *Jackson County, Illinois, Meetings of County Court and Jury Lists: 1823-1841, Part I* by John W. D. Wright (Aug 1981), page 2.
[65] *Jackson County, Illinois, Meetings of County Court and Jury Lists: 1823-1841, Part I* by John W. D. Wright (Aug 1981), page 3.
[66] *Jackson County, Illinois, Meetings of County Court and Jury Lists: 1823-1841, Part I* by John W. D. Wright (Aug 1981), page 7.
[67] *Jackson County, Illinois, Meetings of County Court and Jury Lists: 1823-1841, Part I* by John W. D. Wright (Aug 1981), page 13.

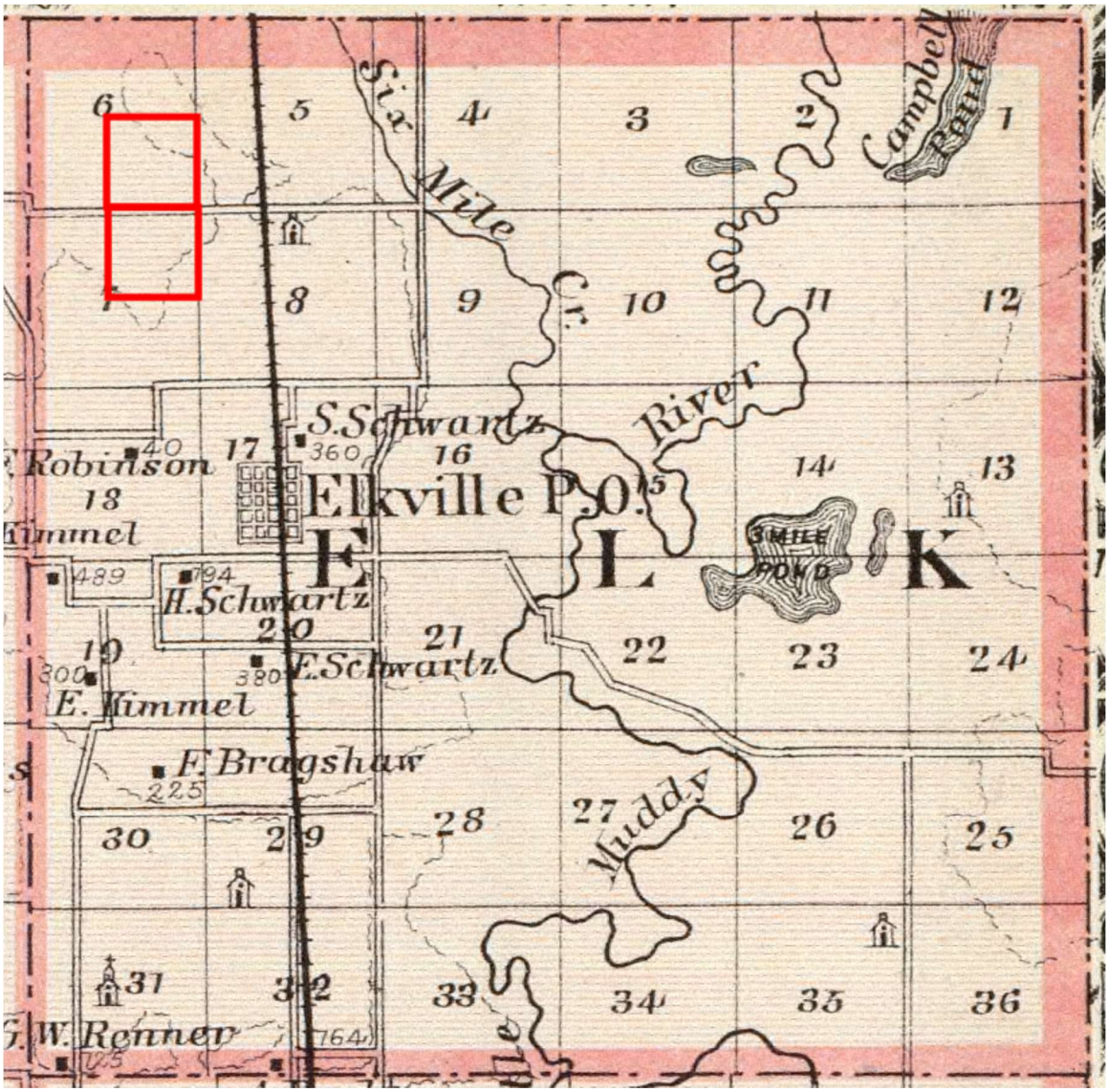
and affection that I bear toward my son Thomas Davis, and in consideration of his being of a less robust and healthy constitution than my other sons…"[68] The way that this gift deed is phrased suggests that Elizabeth, wife of James Davis, was not Thomas' mother (suggesting that his mother had died at some earlier date). On 6 Oct 1841, James Davis and *Anna* his wife sold the remainder of the NE ¼ (the west half) of their Section 1 property to Thomas Davis for $200.

The property that was gifted to Thomas Davis was subsequently conveyed to his son, Thomas Jefferson Davis. When he died in 1879, that land and his other properties were sold at auction to pay the debts of his estate and to provide the dower for his widow. On 16 Aug 1879, George Randolph's bid of $300, plus assuming the obligations of the estate, made him the owner of James Davis' second homestead, ending family ownership.[69]

[68] *Jackson County, Illinois Deeds, Book D*, page 251.
[69] *Jackson County, Illinois Probates, Division A, Box 17*, file 663.

The William Davis Place

James Davis and his son William are said to have moved their families north to Elk Township (the far northeastern township of Jackson County) around 1817 or 1818, though he actually moved there around 1827, as will be discussed later.[70] He began buying property in Elk Township prior to moving there, as is corroborated by four land entries made by James Davis on 7 Oct 1818: The W ½ SE ¼ of Section 6, T7S, R1W and the E ½ SE ¼ of Section 6, T7S, R1W (which together make up the SE ¼); and the W ½ NE ¼ of Section 7, T7S, R1W and the E ½ NE ¼ of Section 7, T7S, R1W (which together make up the NE ¼). These properties totaled about 320 acres, and are shown on the map below.



1876 map showing James Davis' land entries in the northwest corner of Elk Township.

[70] *History of Jackson County, Illinois* by Brink, McDonough & Company (1878), pages 24 and 116.

After Perry County was formed in 1907, the northernmost edge of the above properties was located just one-half mile from the southern border of Perry County. As such, the descendants of William Davis are often found in records of Perry County (particularly marriages).

So why did James Davis move a third time? The answer is a found in an account of the two main routes through Jackson County in the early days found in a biography of John Rice Crain.[71] The first was the trail established by wild game and natives, which led from Kaskaskia to the ford of the Big Muddy River at Murphysboro. James' second homestead straddled that road, and he established a tavern there, providing a means of generating income from passing travelers. The shortcoming of this trail is that it was where most of Southern Illinois drained into the Mississippi River, which meant there were lots of streams to ford (and which were at times impassable), and at certain times of year the terrain could be very muddy.

This led to alternative routes that were higher and drier. One such route headed northwest from Herrin to Du Quoin (about 3 miles from James' third homestead), where it headed west toward Steeleville and Randolph. The land was better drained, more level and there were fewer and smaller streams to cross. That meant that it was faster and more reliable means of reaching Kaskaskia and St. Louis, and thus it was the preferred route for carrying freight. Which was very likely why James purchased land there and had his son William develop the property – it provided a better means of transporting meat and hides to St. Louis, which was a business that provided a significant source of income for them.

On 10 Sep 1825, William Davis received the patent to the W ½ NE ¼ of Section 7, T7S, R1W, which had been assigned to him by James Davis.[72]

On 5 Mar 1827, both William Davis and James Davis were appointed as seminary trustees for Elk Township.[73] It is most likely that James moved to Elk Township at this time, rather than in 1817 or 1818, as reported in the history by Brink, McDonough & Co. The earlier dates were clearly when he began purchasing property there, but James' appointments up until 1826, while residing in Saline Township in his second homestead, prove that he was not living in Elk Township prior to that time.

James received the patent to the W ½ SE ¼ of Section 6, T7S, R1W on 10 Nov 1830.[74] James and his wife *Betsy* sold the west half of this property to William Davis on 16 Mar 1833. [75] James and his wife *Sally* sold the remainder of the property to William Davis on 17 Feb 1838. [76]

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[71] http://geneaologytrails.com/ill/ackson/crainbio.html. Accessed 20 Apr 2017.
[72] *Government Land Office Records*, accession # CV-0094-534.
[73] *Jackson County, Illinois, Meetings of County Court and Jury Lists: 1823-1841, Part I* by John W. D. Wright (Aug 1981), page 15.
[74] *Government Land Office Records*, accession # CV-0096-351.
[75] *Jackson County, Illinois Deeds, Book D*, page 172.
[76] *Jackson County, Illinois Deeds, Book D*, page 178.

On 5 Aug 1834, William Davis received the patent to the E ½ SE ¼ of Section 6, T7S, R1W, having been assigned the interest in the property from his father, who had made the original land entry in 1818.[77]

On 2 Mar 1839, William Davis made a land entry for the E ½ SW ¼ of Section 31, T6S, R1W. On 10 Oct 1840, a patent was issued for this property to "William Davis of Jackson County, Illinois."[78]

On 1 Jul 1848, William Davis patented the S ½ E ½ NE ¼ of Section 7, T7S, R1W (the SE ¼ NE ¼),[79] and Madison Speer[80] patented the north half on 15 Oct 1835.[81] James Davis had made the original land entries for these properties.

[77] *General Land Office Records*, accession # IL0020_.388.
[78] *General Land Office Records*, accession # IL1410_189.
[79] *General Land Office Records*, accession # IL1490_.239.
[80] This was likely William Matt Spear, wife of William's daughter Sallie.
[81] *Government Land Office Records*, accession # IL0030_.423.

A Bicentennial Farm?

In 2018, one of the properties that comprises James Davis' third homestead had been hoped to be designated as a Bicentennial Farm, by virtue of the fact that the property has remained in the hands of direct descendants of the current owners for 200 years, and a portion of it is still being farmed. This property is part of the SE ¼ of Section 6, T7S, R1W.

While it is true that the current owner in 2018 was a direct descendant of James Davis, the property was conveyed to the Burroughs family around the turn of the 20th Century, and in a later generation, a descendant of James married into that family. Thus, it has been in the hands of either a Davis descendant or a Burroughs descendant for 200 years, but the Davis ownership was not continuous.

Census Records of James Davis' Household

Now that we have some limited knowledge of James Davis' children, let's take a look at his household size in the various Illinois and Federal census records to see if he had other children who are not accounted for. We will start by reviewing what those records tell us about when James Davis was born.

Census	Birth Range
1810 Illinois Census	Before 1765 (over 45 years old).
1818 Illinois Census	Before 1797 (over 21 years old).
1820 Illinois Census	Before 1775 (over 45 years old).
1820 Federal Census	Before 1775 (over 45 years old).
1830 Federal Census	Between 1760 and 1770 (60-70 years old)

Thus, from the above, it would seem that James Davis was born between 1760 and 1765. Thus, based upon that age range, his eldest child would have been born no sooner than around 1782, and the Census records that follow tell us that his oldest children were born sometime between 1784 and 1794.

The following table examines the birth range and gender of the members of James' household in the 1810 Illinois Census and the 1820 Census (the information from the Illinois Census and the Federal Census is identical for that year). In the 1830 Census, James is living alone with a 5 to 9-year-old female, likely a granddaughter.

ID	Gender	1810	1820	Child
JD1	M	1784-1794		William, b. about 1790.
JD2	M	1784-1794		Ralph, b. about 1794.
JD3	M	1794-1800		Jacob?, b. about 1797.
JD4	M	1794-1800	1794-1804	
JD5	F	1794-1800		
JD6	F	1800-1810		Patsy, b. about 1802.
JD7	F	1794-1800	1794-1804	Alice, b. about 1803.
JD8	F	1800-1810	1804-1810	Dicey, b. about 1805.
JD9	M	1800-1810	1804-1810	Thomas, b. about 1806.
Totals			**9 minors**	

Thus, James had six additional children (two sons and four daughters) who may have survived to adulthood, for whom there is no known direct evidence of their identity. Some or all may have died prior to 1843, but it is perhaps more likely that some may have migrated elsewhere, in the search for cheap public land with which to build a legacy for their own families. And likely the daughters weren't of sufficient interest to be recorded by descendants, since they no longer bore the Davis surname.

The Wives of James Davis

Having reviewed information in James' probate file and about the three properties that James and his family had carved out of the wilderness, let's view that same information in a different light, to see what it tells us about his wives. The table below summarizes the known public records where the wife of James Davis is identified. It would seem that during a single decade James may have had as many as three different wives: Betsy, Sally and Anna.

Date	Wife's Name	Comments
21 Apr 1832	Elizabeth	James gifted a portion of his Upper Bluff properties to his son, Thomas Davis.
16 Mar 1833	Betsy	James sold a portion of his Elk Township properties to William Davis.
17 Feb 1838	Sally	James Davis sold a portion of his Elk Township properties to William Davis.
5 Dec 1838	Sally	James sold a portion of his Upper Bluff properties to James Henson.
6 Oct 1841	Anna	James sold a portion of his Upper Bluff properties to Thomas Davis.
8 May 1843	Anna	James' widow, as shown in his probate file.

There is no way to know if Betsy was the mother of any of James' children, as James' youngest known son, Thomas, was born more than 25 years before the first deed that is listed above. And it is certainly possible that James may have had only two wives during this time period and that one wife was listed by two different given names: i.e., Sally Elizabeth, or Sally Anna. However, the grouping of the names as shown in the table above does tend to suggest there were three different wives during this time period.

The important things to take away from the above table are:

- That James and his wives Elizabeth, Sally and Anna were involved in selling his Upper Bluff properties.
- James' wives Betsy and Sally were involved in selling his Elk Township properties, and
- His son, William (who lived in Elk Township), and widow Anna were both involved in the probating of James' estate.

Based upon the preceding analysis, it is clear that Thomas Davis and William Davis were siblings and sons of James Davis, being either brothers or half-brothers. The identity of their mother (or mothers) is unknown.

The Children of James Davis

The 1843 courthouse fire at Brownsville limits the available public records for proving the children of James Davis, but fortunately it is possible to establish some of their identities. An 1832 deed from James Davis to his son, Thomas, states that the transaction was made "in consequence of [Thomas] being of a less robust and healthy constitution than my other *sons*…"[82] The penmanship is somewhat ambiguous in the spelling of 'sons,' but is clearly different from an earlier spelling in that document of the singular use of the same noun, though the reference is made only once in the document. If the penmanship is correctly interpreted, it would imply that, at a minimum, James had at least three adult sons who were alive in 1832. In the 1830 Census, the two households listed immediately below James' were those of William Davis and Ralph Davis.

Information has been passed down through one Davis line, which appears to corroborate the above speculation. The source was likely James Leonard Davis (b. 1859, d. 1936), a great grandson of James Davis, and he had probably heard it from his aunts and uncles (three of whom had died between 1898 and 1916 – his father died in 1864). The information was recorded by his daughter Evarena (b. 1898, d. 1968), who passed it on to her eldest daughter, Alverda Little (b. 1920, d. 2005).

She recorded that James Davis' son William had two brothers: Tom and Rafe. It has already been established that William and Thomas were James' sons, so the new information is that he had a son named Rafe, but there are no public records in Jackson County for a Rafe Davis. So, it is very likely this refers to the Ralph Davis from the 1830 Census (and who also is found in the 1820 Census).

Research uncovered two possible daughters of James Davis, Patsy Davis and Dicey Davis. Logic and DNA results appear to confirm the former, but too few clues were found regarding the latter, but what is known will also be discussed later. Available fats about each of these women will be discussed later in this chapter.

The sections that follow will detail what is known of James Davis' children and their known descendants.

[82] *Jackson County, Illinois Deeds, Book D*, pages 251 and 252.

William Davis

Hiram Schwartz of Elk Township[83] had the following stories to recount about William Davis, son of James Davis:[84]

> *"**Mr. Davis** lived to a good old age, reared a large family and amassed a considerable fortune by the raising of corn and hogs. In those days when the soil was fresh, corn could be produced in abundance, and such a thing as hog cholera was unknown.*
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> *"In addition to these pursuits, **'Uncle Billy'** as he was familiarly called was, like Nimrod of old, "a mighty hunter before the Lord," killing in one season as many as 120 deer. The advantages of an education were denied him in his youth, and hence probably his opposition to the free school system, which taxed the hard earnings of those who had been denied educational advantages in their youth.*
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> *"So when the tax collector came around, and added about $100 to **Uncle Billy's** tax for the use of the free schools, he thought it injustice.*
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> *"In early days thieves were scarcely known, and no extra care was necessary to protect money, but as the country advanced stealing became more common, and money sought new and peculiar hiding places. **Uncle Billy**, accordingly conceived the brilliant idea of secreting a box of gold in a corncrib covered over with fodder. Here he laid up his treasure where 'moth and rust might corrupt' but 'where he fondly thought thieves would not break through and steal,' little suspecting the pesky rat, that follows the course of empire towards the setting sun, would encroach upon the casket of gold. But so it did. And corn and coin were thoroughly intermixed, and in this condition, were thrown to the hogs. Numerous were the broad gold pieces that were found by the roadside were the swine were fed, and for some time it was a mystery how they came there. Finally the mystery was solved with the discovery that rats had invaded the box. This circumstance gave rise to much good-humored comment, and in business transactions, when coin was offered that was defaced or worn, it was a common observation that it was some that **Uncle Billy Davis** had fed to his hogs."*

The above story has a great deal of credibility, as "William Davis of Jackson County, Illinois," in addition to owning considerable property in Elk Township, had at times owned quite a bit of land in Perry County, some of which was many miles from his home in Jackson County. That suggests that he may have deemed it safer to own land than to hold gold, and his considerable cash holdings likely made it easy for him to buy land when prices were low and then sell when prices were high. And the Tom Davis place, located next to Big Lake, would have been a magnet for wildlife. Plus, the road from Kaskaskia to Brownsville almost certainly began as a game trail.

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[83] Born 14 Feb 1840, died 4 Mar 1923, per Ancestry.com's *Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947*.

[84] *History of Jackson County, Illinois* by Brink, McDonough & Company (1878), page 24.

And a biographical account of Elias Davis offers even more insight into the life of William Davis:[85]

> *"**ELIAS DAVIS**, who resides on section 16, Elkville Township, Jackson County, is one of the substantial farmers of southern Illinois. His parents were **William** and **Catherine (Woolrock** [sic]) **Davis**. The former was a native of North Carolina, in which state his father, **James Davis**, settled at a very early date. About the year 1810 **William Davis** accompanied his parents to the Mississippi bottoms in Illinois. Fertile farm lands teeming with grain were then unknown, but the lakes and swamps abounded in wild game. Bears, deer and turkeys were far more common than domestic fowls or cattle, and in hunting game **Mr. Davis** did a profitable business. After a hunt he would take his game by oxcart to St. Louis, where it was sold at a good price.*
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> *"Land at that time was worth only $1.25 per acre, and **William Davis**, who readily foresaw that this country would soon become thickly populated, and that land in consequence would rapidly rise in value, purchased more than a thousand acres in Jackson County, where he settled with his family. While his principal occupation was hunting, he also engaged in farming to some extent with the old wooden mold-board plow. The soil was very rich and yielded abundant harvests, seventy-five bushels of oats and one hundred bushels of corn to the acre being gathered. **Mr. Davis** also engaged in raising horses, cattle and hogs, and the wild prairies afforded rich pasturage. The monotony of the work was varied by hunting matches, for there was a number of expert shots in this locality. One fall the different hunters agreed that they would hunt through the season and one who shot the most deer was to set up a bottle of rum. **James Davis** killed one hundred and eighty-two deer that season.*
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> *"In 1832 **William Davis** shouldered a flint-lock rifle and for a short time did service in the Black Hawk War. He reared his son **Elias** in this locality. The latter received but limited educational advantages, for the schools of the community were not numerous, nor were they noted for their excellence. On arriving at man's estate he purchased land and began farming for himself. In 1849 he married **Miss Delitha Crews**, and they became the parents of six children, four of whom are still living. **Leonard** married **Eliza House**; **Edward** first married **Eliza Sivilts**, and afterward wedded **E. E. Degenhardt**; **Delia** became the wife of **John Cann**, who died in 1880. The **Davis** farm is one of the best in the community, highly cultivated and improved, and our subject ranked among the leading agriculturalists in the community. He is enterprising and industrious, and his success is well merited.*
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> *"One eccentricity in the life of **William Davis** was the way in which he kept his money in safety. Long before his death he was considered one of the wealthiest farmers in southern Illinois. From the sale of game and cattle he acquired much*

[85] *Portrait and Biographical Record of Randolph, Jackson, Perry and Monroe Counties, Illinois* by Biographical Publishing Company (1894), pages 698 and 701.

gold, which he was in the habit of hiding in queer places. He was three times married, and his third wife on one occasion hid $3,300 of his gold in a soap barrel. The ***Davis*** *boys suspected their step-mother of the appropriation, and by working upon her superstitious fears induced her to confess. The gold was then placed in nail kegs, the heads fastened down and put in the corn crib in the corn. Just how long it remained there is a mystery, but after a time rats ate their way into the kegs and much of the gold was scattered in the corn. The time came when it was necessary to purchase feed for the stock, and thus the golden coin was turned into golden grain."*

William and his father, James, were both from North Carolina.[86] In Randolph County, Illinois, on 10 Jan 1814, William Davis married Jane Creath.[87] While there is no proof that this is the same William Davis, his father's earlier real estate transaction with George Creath and the sparse population at the time makes this a near certainty. If so, Jane did not live long, as around 1818 William married Catherine Woolrick, the daughter of Jacob Woolrick.[88] The above account states that William had three wives during his lifetime. It appears that 'Katherine' was Williams' wife in 1845 when he deeded property to his son William Davis, Junior,[89] but she was not alive when William deeded property to his son Aaron Davis on 20 May 1850.[90] William's later Census records do not show that he had a wife, and no record of a marriage for him in Jackson County is found in the statewide marriage index (from 1843 on). All of William's known children were born after his marriage to Catherine Woolrick, and the last was born in 1834. If the account of the stepmother is accurate, then Catherine died between 1834 and 1843, and William remarried a woman with the first name of Katherine.

William Davis died around 1868, leaving the following Last Will and Testament:[91]

"In the name of God Amen. I ***William Davis Senior*** *of Jackson County Illinois being of sound and disposing mind and memory do hereby make publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner following – that is to say I give and devise to my children* ***Elias Davis****,* ***John Davis****,* ***William Davis****,* ***Betsy I. Young****, wife of* ***Thomas Young****,* ***Leonard Davis*** *and* ***Thomas Davis*** *all my real estate to be divided among them equally, share and share alike in fee simple absolutely and desire that my said children above named will make partition of said lands harmoniously and without litigation, and I further direct that the forty acre tract in Section seventeen Township No seven South Range one West lying and being near the town of Elkville be so divided among my said children that each one of them shall have a share in said forty it being a valuable piece of land and each one of them desiring an interest in it. I give and devise unto* ***Mary Davis*** *my wife the North West Quarter of the North East quarter of section No seven*

[86] *History of Jackson County, Illinois* by Brink, McDonough & Company (1878), page 116.
[87] *Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763-1900* (database) by Illinois Secretary of State, accessed Oct 2014.
[88] *History of Jackson County, Illinois* by Brink, McDonough & Company (1878), page 90.
[89] *Jackson County, Illinois Deeds, Book E*, page 337.
[90] *Jackson County, Illinois Deeds, Book F*, page 513.
[91] *Illinois, Wills and Probate Records, 1772-1999* by Ancestry.com, accessed 3 Jan 2016.

Township No seven South of Range No one West of the 3 P. M. with the improvements thereunto belonging. This land Forty acres I give her in liu [sic: lieu] of her Dower in my real estate for her lifetime only and at her death it shall revert to my said six children named above or their heirs if any be then dead in fee simple absolute. To the three children of my deceased son ***Aaron Davis*** *I give the sum of one hundred dollars, being 33 1/3 dollars to each one. To the seven children of* ***Sally Spear*** *my deceast [sic] daughter I give the sum of fifty dollars being 7 1/7 Dollars each. My personal property shall be divided equally amoung [sic] my wife and six children above named. My wife* ***Mary Davis*** *shall have a childs part only. In addition to the above I devise that my wife* ***Mary*** *shall have fifty Dollars out of my personal property for the purpose of putting a new roof on the dwelling house and repairing backs and Jaucks [?] of the same.*
I hereby appoint my son ***Elias Davis*** *and* ***Thomas Young*** *as Executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof and of the provisions herein contained I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred sixty Eight.*
William *his X mark* ***Davis Senior****"*

Williams' son, John Davis, was the first child born in Elk Township, in 1819.[92] And the death of Williams' son Jacob (who could have been Jane's child), at 18 months old, was the first such occurrence in the township.[93]

Thus, the will of William Davis identifies the following children:

- John
- Elias
- William, Junior
- Betsy, wife of Thomas N. Young
- Leonard
- Thomas
- Aaron
- Sallie, wife of William M. Spear

William Davis, Senior is first found in the 1818 Illinois Census, living one household away from James Davis. He's also found in both the 1820 Illinois Census and Federal Census, with a son and daughter under 10 years old. He is listed as being between the ages of 26 and 45, whereas his wife was between the ages of 21 and 26.

On 1 Sep 1823, he was appointed road supervisor for East State Road, one of 17 road districts within Jackson County.[94] And on 1 Mar 1824 he was appointed as a seminary

[92] https://genealogytrails.com/ill/jackson/history_townships.html.
[93] *History of Jackson County, Illinois* by Brink, McDonough & Company (1878), page 116
[94] *Jackson County, Illinois, Meetings of County Court and Jury Lists: 1823-1841, Part I* by John W. D. Wright (Aug 1981), page 1.

trustee for Elk Township;[95] and he was reappointed on 1 Mar 1825[96] and on 8 Mar 1826.[97] On 5 Mar 1827, both William Davis and James Davis were appointed as seminary trustees for Elk Township.[98] On 6 Mar 1832, it was only William Davis who was reappointed.[99]

In the 1830 Census, he had three sons ages 5 to 9, one son between 10 and 14 years old, a daughter between 15 and 19 years old, and he and his wife were listed as being between 30 and 39 years old.

In the 1840 Census, he and his wife were between 40 and 49 years old. They had two sons under age 5, one between ages 5 and 9, one daughter between the ages of 10 and 14, three sons aged 15 to 19 and one son aged 20 to 29.

In the 1850 Census it appears that he was widowed, with the following Davis individuals in his household: Aaron (age 23), Betsy (age 18), Thomas (age 17), Leonard (age 16) and James (age 29).

In 1860, at age 70, he was living alone in T7S, R1W. Living not far away was the family of his son Aaron.

[95] *Jackson County, Illinois, Meetings of County Court and Jury Lists: 1823-1841, Part I* by John W. D. Wright (Aug 1981), page 2.
[96] *Jackson County, Illinois, Meetings of County Court and Jury Lists: 1823-1841, Part I* by John W. D. Wright (Aug 1981), page 6.
[97] *Jackson County, Illinois, Meetings of County Court and Jury Lists: 1823-1841, Part I* by John W. D. Wright (Aug 1981), page 13.
[98] *Jackson County, Illinois, Meetings of County Court and Jury Lists: 1823-1841, Part I* by John W. D. Wright (Aug 1981), page 15.
[99] *Jackson County, Illinois, Meetings of County Court and Jury Lists: 1823-1841, Part I* by John W. D. Wright (Aug 1981), page 30.

Descendants of William Davis

1. **JACOB DAVIS**, b. after 1819, d. after 1819.
2. **JOHN DAVIS**, b. about 1820, d. Sep 1873. **John** married **Mavel Roach** (the widow of **James Wallace**) on 16 May 1844. His probate file lists his wife **Mavel** and daughters **Leatha Creath** and **Elizabeth Creath** as his only heirs. A confusing 1850 Census also includes children **Eliza Jane**, **Sally**, **Michael** and **William Davis**, though **Eliza**, **Sarah** and **Michael** were the children of her first husband, **James Wallace**. In the 1860 Census, daughter **Elizabeth Davis** was added to the family. In 1870, his household includes William Davis, Margaret Davis (Margaret Crews, wife of William? – she would have been quite young, but since she had been orphaned it is possible), Millie Davis and Mary Davis.
    a. **Aleatha Ann "Leatha" Davis**, b. 17 Oct 1846, d. 16 Jul 1928. She married first, on 8 Aug 1860, **James Creath**, b. 1837, d. 3 Oct 1873. His probate file lists his wife and two heirs (Census records name three additional offspring):[100]
        i. **Mavell Creath**, b. 27 Apr 1863, d. 3 Oct 1920.[101] She married **James David Hubbard** and they had at least six children together.
            1. **Mary Elizabeth Hubbard**, b. Dec 1884, d. 22 Dec 1951. She married **James Leonard Darnell** before 1917. They had two daughters together.
            2. **Leatha D. Hubbard**, b. Nov 1886. She married **Harry Wilkinson** and they had at least three children together.
            3. **John Edward Hubbard**, b. 25 Jun 1889, d. 27 Feb 1948.
            4. **James Osbon Hubbard**, b. 3 Jul 1891, d. 13 Apr 1962.
            5. **Lemuel William Hubbard**, b. 2 Dec 1892, d. 4 Jul 1961.
            6. **Flossine Mae Hubbard**, b. 19 May 1902, d. 19 Apr 1952. She married **Samuel Milton Lappin** around 1925, and they had at least three children together.
        ii. **John William Creath**, b. 25 Jan 1870, d. 29 Mar 1958. He married **Anna Hager** and they had one son together.
            1. **Ardell Edgar Creath**, b. 20 Jul 1900, d. 1 Mar 1975.

    She married next, on 10 Mar 1875, **Aaron Speers**, and they had at least two children together:
        iii. **Elzy Speers**, b. 25 Jun 1875, d. 1924. He married **Maggie Shaw** on 10 Nov 1897. The 1900 Census shows that they had two children together and no other children are found in later Census records.

[100] *Jackson County, Illinois Probates, Division A, Box 13*, File 13.
[101] *Find A Grave*, memorial #18892829 (headstone photo).

1. **Harry A. Speers**, Sr., b. 16 May 1898, d. 24 Oct 1957. He married **Daisy Randall** on 12 Nov 1921. They had at least one son together.
2. **Nellie Speers**, b. Mar 1900.

iv. **Anna Elizabeth Speers**, b. 28 Mar 1877, d. 22 Aug 1947. She married **Phineas McAllister Gladson** and they had several children together.

1. **Elmer Tiner Gladson**, b. 14 Sep 1897, d. Apr 1984. He married **Estella L. Davis** and they had at least two children together.
2. **Izetta M. Gladson**, b. 2 Aug 1905, d. 17 Mar 2001. She married **Floyd A. Barton** and they had at least two sons together.
3. **Lester E. Gladson**, b. 11 May 1911, d. 30 Aug 1960. He married **Ruth** (LNU).
4. **Edith P. Gladson**, b. 16 Feb 1914, d. 13 Sep 1985. She married **Dwain Goss** and they had at least three children together.
5. **Doris Elsie Gladson**, b. 16 Mar 1917, d. 24 Jul 2005. She married **Victor Kasiar**.

Her final marriage was to **John Oliver** on 3 Jan 1889. They had no children together.

b. **William "Billie" Davis**, b. 31 Aug 1858, d. 18 Sep 1873. It seems likely that he married **Margaret Crews**, an orphan, on 13 Aug 1867. He left no known offspring.

c. **Elizabeth "Betty" Davis**, b. about 1850, d. about 1873. She married **William Creath**, who died on 26 Sep 1873. William's probate file states that he left no heirs.[102]

3. **ELIAS M. DAVIS**, b. 7 Jan 1821, d. 26 Jan 1898. He married **Alice Delitha Crews** on 12 Dec 1844. Heirs named in his will include: **Louisa Caselton**, **Edward Davis** and **Leonard W. Davis**.[103] Census records add one other daughter, **Adelia**.

a. **Elizabeth Louisa Davis**, b. 22 Jan 1847, d. 2 May 1925. She married **Christopher C. Casleton** on 25 Apr 1865 (the spelling of the surname of this family is found as either Casleton or Castleton). His will names eight heirs, and another daughter preceded him in death.[104]

i. **Frederick E. Castleton**, b. 6 Feb 1866, d. 1944. He married **Katherine C. Saul** on 1 Oct 1891. They had two children together:

1. **Irene K. Castleton**, b. 1904, d. 18 Mar 1964. She married **Alfred G. Ebersohl**.

[102] *Jackson County, Illinois Probates, Division A, Box 13*, File 480.
[103] *Jackson County, Illinois Wills, Volume B*, page 4.
[104] *Jackson County, Illinois Wills, Volume C*, page 288.

2. **Saul K. Castleton**, b. 4 Aug 1909, d. 13 Jul 1974. He married **Ruth V. Coffer**. His obituary implies that they had no children at the time of his death.[105]

b. **Leonard W. Davis**, b. 13 Sep 1849, d. 23 Mar 1932. He married **Eliza House** on 6 Sep 1873. Census records show that they had at least seven children together. The 1900 Census adds that they had another child who had died before then.
   i. **Lethia Davis**, b. 1876.
   ii. **Mary Francis Davis**, b. 17 Jul 1878, d. 29 Mar 1946. She married **George Joseph Brown** in 1902. They had three sons together.
   iii. **Abraham Garfield Davis**, b. 9 Jun 1881, d. 7 Dec 1967.
   iv. **Julia J. Davis**, b. Dec 1883, d.1954. She married **William Samuel Boone** and they had three children together.
   v. **Elizabeth "Bessie" Davis**, b. 28 Oct 1887, d. 28 Apr 1959. She married **John Edgar Tuthill** in 1908. They had three children together.
   vi. **Edward William Davis**, b. 15 Mar 1892. He married **Abbie Nellie Brown** by 1917 and they had one son together. It appears that they divorced and it is not known if her remarried.
   vii. **Ruth Adaile Davis**, b. 18 Oct 1896, d. 26 Jan 1979. She married **Abraham Kuykendall Patrick** in 1915, and they had two sons together.

c. **Adelia Davis**, b. 9 Nov 1853, d. 16 Jul 1888. She married **John "Jack" Cann** on 12 Dec 1886. It is not known whether they had a child together.

d. **Edward Davis**, b. 15 Sep 1857, d. 23 Feb 1935. He first married **Eliza Sivilts** on 3 Nov 1878 and they had one son together. He then married **Edia E. Dagenhardt** on 16 Mar 1891 and they had no children together.

4. **SARAH "SALLIE" DAVIS**, b. about 1822, d. about 1868. She married **William Madison Speers** prior to 1843 (various lines of this family spell the surname Speer, Spear, Spears or Speers). It appears that he had married previously, as his eldest son, Americus, was born well before Sallie's childbearing years. His daughter Catherine may, or may not, have been by her. The other children almost certainly were hers. If she had married after 1843, there should be a marriage record for her. Lacking such a record, she likely had married prior to that time.

   a. **Catherine Speers**, b. about 1841. She married **William Costlow** on 5 Oct 1858.

   b. **Archie Speers**, b. about 1846.

   c. **John Speers**, b. about 1847. He married **Nancy Spear**, the daughter of **Charles** and **Polly (Walls) Spear**. They had at least three children:
      i. **Martha Spear**, b. about 1875.

[105] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 82, No. 164, Sunday, 14 July 1974*, Page 5, Column 5.

ii. **Simon P. Spear**, b. about 1877.
iii. **Belle Spear**, b. about 1890 in Missouri, d. 27 Jun 1942 in Michigan. She married first, **James Henry Pendergrass** on 30 Aug 1903; second, **William Franklin Rogers** on 16 Aug 1904; and third, **William P. Couts** on 26 Jul 1918. These marriages all took place in Dunklin County, Missouri. She married fourth **S. Jess McGill** on 15 Sep 1924 in Arkansas. Her only known children were by her second husband:
    1. **Goldie Marie Rogers**, b. 25 Sep 1910, d. 5 Jun 2004. She married **Alvin Herschel Dunn** and they had at least five children together.
    2. **William Franklin Rogers**, b. 24 Feb 1913, d. 13 Se 1975. He married **Maudie Ann Moss** and they had at least five children together.
    3. **Robert Dean Rodgers**, b. 7 Aug 1915, 11 Feb 1991. He married **Barbara Jean Frizzell**.

d. **James Speers**, b. about 1850.
e. **Aaron Speers**, b. about 1852, d. Jul 1879. He married the widow **Aleatha Ann (Davis) Creath** on 8 Aug 1860.
    i. **Elzy Speers**, b. 25 Jun 1875, d. 1924. He married **Maggie Shaw** and they had at least two children together.
        1. **Harry A. Speers**, b. 16 May 1898, d. 24 Oct 1857. He married **Daisy K. Randall** and they had at least one son together.
    ii. **Anna Elizabeth Speers**, b. 28 Mar 1877, d. 22 Aug 1947. She married **Phineas McAllister Gladson** and they had several children together.
        1. **Elmer Tiner Gladson**, b. 14 Sep 1897, d. Apr 1984. He married **Estella L. Davis** and they had at least two children together.
        2. **Izetta M. Gladson**, b. 2 Aug 1905, d. 17 Mar 2001. She married **Floyd A. Barton** and they had at least two sons together.
        3. **Lester E. Gladson**, b. 11 May 1911, d. 30 Aug 1960. He married **Ruth** (LNU) and it is not known if they ever had any children together.
        4. **Edith P. Gladson**, b. 16 Feb 1914, d. 13 Sep 1985. She married **Dwain O. Goss** and at the time of her death she had five children living (**Ruby**, **Melissa**, **Dewaine L.**, **Wilburn** and **Paul**).[106]
        5. **Doris Elsie Gladson**, b. 16 Mar 1917, d. 24 Jul 2005. She married **Victor Kasiar**. It is not known if they had any children together.
f. **Millie Speers**, b. 20 Mar 1855, d. 7 Jan 1921. She married **Joseph E. Vancil** on 18 Oct 1877. They had a large family:

[106] *Browning Genealogy Database*, obituary abstract of 13 Sep 1985.

i. **Della Vancil**, b. 31 Aug 1877, d. 24 May 1920. She married the widower **Charles A. Bowlin** and they had one son together.
    1. **Milton P. Bowlin**, b. 28 Mar 1909, Aug 1909. He married **Irene** (LNU) and they had three daughters when the 1940 Census was enumerated.

ii. **Dora Vancil**, b. about 1879.

iii. **Timothy Tobias Vancil**, b. 3 Sep 1880, d. 6 Sep 1970. He married **Sarah Elizabeth Sammons** and they had two daughters together.
    1. **Susie Vancil**, b. 1902, d. 1953. She married **Nelson Daniels** and it is not known if they had any children together.
    2. **Zella Vancil**, b. about 1908.

iv. **Maud Alice Vancil**, b. 15 Aug 1884, d. 7 Nov 1960. She married **Ernest McMurray** and they had four daughters together.
    1. **Lora Velvy McMurray**, b. 26 Jul 1907, d. 15 Dec 1975. She married **Daniel Elias Devor, Sr.** They had at least four children together.
    2. **Dorothy Delores McMurray**, b. Feb 1915, d. 21 Aug 1999. She married **Josiah Karl Johnson**. It is not known whether they had any children together.
    3. **Dolimah Ruth McMurray**, b. 7 Mar 1919, d. 16 Feb 2002. She married **Orval Carroll Eubanks**. They had at least one infant son, who died in Puerto Rico.
    4. **Mary Ilene McMurray**, b. 10 Mar 1922, d. 31 Jan 1994. She married **Mr. Neudecker** and it is not known if they had any children.

v. **Bettie Vancil**, b. 8 Aug 1886, d. 18 Nov 1921. She married **James Benjamin Ballard** and they had at least three sons together.
    1. **Ervon William Ballard**, b. 13 Aug 1905, d. 2 Jun 1940. He married first **Lola Mae Martin** and they had one son together. He married second **Loueva Vivian Higgins**, and it is not known if they had any children toether.
    2. **Jesse M. Ballard**, b. 14 Jun 1910, d. 18 Aug 1995.
    3. **Infant Son Ballard**, b. 5 Feb 1916, d. 5 Feb 1916.

vi. **Jacob Jonas Vancil**, b. 5 Aug 1888, d. 21 Sep 1960. He married **Nettie May Gross** on 9 Sep 1909 and they had six children together.[107]
    1. **Clifton C. "Jack" Vancil**, b. 31 Mar 1912, d. Feb 1971. He married **Lola P. Little** and they had at least two daughters together.

[107] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 8, No. 32, Monday, 7 Feb 1972*, page 14, column 4, first article, Nettie Vancil.

2. **Veiga Elaine Vancil**, b. 9 Sep 1913, d. 3 Feb 1990. She married **Marion Clay Commean**. It is not known if they had any children together.
3. **James C. Vancil**, b. about 1916.
4. **Grace Lucille Vancil**, b. 18 Feb 1917, d. 25 Jul 2007. She first married **Enloe Dale Dempsey** and they had at least one daughter together. She married second **William Frederick Commean** on 17 Jan 1975.
5. **Imogene Hilda Vancil**, b. 18 Nov 1921, d. 14 Jun 1992. She married first **Isadore J. Wiehn**. She married second **Mr. Commean**.
6. **Phyllis Joyce Vancil**, b. 1 Jul 1930. She married **Martin R. Schroedel**.

vii. **Ruth Ethel Vancil**, b. 1 Jan 1892, d. 2 Jan 1946. She married **David Wesley Sconce** and they had two children together.
1. **Clifford E. Sconce**, b. 28 Sep 1910, d. 18 Dec 1983. He married **Emily L. Lupian** and they had at least one daughter together.
2. **Cleo Ruth Sconce**, b. 26 Feb 1913, d. 20 Jul 2001. She married **Louis E. Pulliam** and they had at least three children together.

viii. **Lucie Viola Vancil**, b. 5 Sep 1895, d. 25 Nov 1979. She married **Rolla Gibner** and they had one son together.
1. **Robert Lee Gibner**, b. 17 Jul 1919, d. 22 Feb 1985. He married **Ida Juanita Spencer**.

ix. **Phelix Peter Vancil**, b. 5 Sep 1899, d. 5 Mar 1934. He married **Lillian** (LNU) and they had two children together.
1. **Jane W. Vancil**, b. about 1928.
2. **Lafe Ranold Vancil**, b. about 1930.

g. **Mary Caroline Speers**, b. about 1857. She married **John E. Vancil** on 10 Mar 1880 in Perry County, Illinois. They had several children together:

i. **Margaret "Maggie" Vancil**, b. 22 Dec 1882. She married **Arthur Guy Wilson** on 15 Feb 1900 in Perry County, Illinois.

ii. **Emily Marie Vancil**, b. 28 May 1886, d. 24 Oct 1967. She married **Arthur Grover Thompson** on 14 Jun 1919 in Indiana.

iii. **Geneva Vancil**, b. Jan 1889.

iv. **Arthur Milton Vancil**, b. 17 Apr 1891, d. 1 Sep 1963. He married **Mary Kaufman** and they had two children together:
1. **Sylvester Vancil**, b. 1914. He married **Goldie May Gilliam**, and they had one daughter together.
2. **Edith Vancil**, b. 1916.

5. **AARON DAVIS**, b. 11 Feb 1824, d. 5 May 1864. He married **Eliza Jane Wallace** on 27 Dec 1857. She was b. 22 Jun 1836, d. 19 Feb 1912. Her 1900 Census record shows that she had a total of eight children, though only seven were alive at that time. Aaron's probate file states that they had three children

together (and Census records show that Eliza had five children by **Archelous** or **Archetus Campbell**):[108]

a. **James Leonard Davis**, b. 22 Sep 1859, d. 12 Dec 1936. He married **Alice "Allie" Fair** around 1897 and they had two daughters together:
    i. **Everena "Rena" Davis**, b. Feb 1898, d. 16 Jan 1968. She married **Charles Edgar Little** and they had four children together.
        1. **Alverda Eileen Little**, b. 26 Oct 1920, d. 17 Mar 2015. She married **Joe Reynolds** and they had two daughters together.[109]
        2. **Enid Dolores "Dee" Little**, b. 24 Dec 1923, d. 13 Feb 2016. She married **Donald Charles Burroughs** on 26 Jun 1949. At the time of her death, she was said to be living on the farm originally patented by **James Davis** and his son **William** (however, this is contradicted by the fact that she died in Du Quoin, Illinois). The same farm is slated to be designated as a Bicentennial Farm on 7 Oct 2018. They had four daughters, one of whom died at birth. [110]
        3. **Carrol James Little**, b. about 1925.
        4. **Larry June Little**, b. 4 Jun 1939, d. 16 May 1995.
    ii. **Clyda Bell Davis**, b. 28 Jan 1901, d. 27 Dec 1928. She married **Robert G. Burkitt**.

b. **Elizabeth Davis**, b. 19 Feb 1862, d. 17 Jan 1936. She married **James Buchanon "Buck" Darnell**, and they had three children together:
    i. **James Leonard Darnell**, b 16 Nov 1879, d. 27 Oct 1942. He married **Mary Elizabeth Hubbard** and they had two children together.
        1. **Nellie Mae Darnell**, b. 24 Jul 1916, d. 12 Sep 1998. She married a **Mr. Wilkins** and a **Mr. Adams**.
        2. **Mamie Luverne Darnell**, b. 29 Jan 1920, d. 8 Feb 1998. She married **Mr. Rogers**.
        3. **Madlene Jeanetta Darnell**, b. 28 Apr 1928, d. 9 Sep 2006. She married **Andrew Pete Dimitroff** in Aug 1946. They had three children together (**Shirley**, **Jim** and **John**). [111]
    ii. **Noah Augustus Darnell**, b. 16 Jan 1883, d. 11 May 1966. He married **Minta "Minnie" Meadows** and they had three daughters together.

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[108] *Jackson County, Illinois Probates, Division A, Box 1*, File 629.
[109] http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.x?n=Alverda-Reynolds&lc=4219&pid=174444730&mid=6369900. Accessed 26 Jul 2017.
[110] *Find A Grave*, Memorial #158198414, which includes an obituary from Searby Funeral Home.
[111] http://Thesouthern.com/news/local/obituaries/madlene-j-dimitroff/article_c44fcd21-f66b-510e-8f8f-a0d87fc446c1.html. Accessed 20 Mar 2017.

1. **Hazel I. Darnell**, b. 1902, d. 1968. She married **Allen Arthur Brandon** and they had at least six children together.

iii. **Clydia Mae Darnell**, b. Jul 1891. She married **Arthur Davis** and they had one daughter together.

1. **Gladys Davis**, b. 14 Jan 1909, d. 15 Jan 1925. She married **Everett Ice**.

c. **Deliah Ann "Frankie" Davis**, b. Oct 1863, d. 16 Jul 1931 at the Stae Hospital in Farmington, St. Francois County, Missouri.[112,113] She married **Andrew L. Day** on 7 Sep 1879 in Texas County, Missouri, and they had at least nine children together. *NOTE: There is only circumstantial evidence that she was the daughter of Aaron Davis.*

i. **Arthur L. Day**, b. Oct 1880.

ii. **Edwin Horace Day**, b. 25 Oct 1882, d. 17 Apr 1964.

iii. **Lona May Day**, b. 9 Aug 1885, d. Jul 1955. She married **Dorthy Adolph Nelson** and they had several children together.

1. **Robert Clarence Nelson**, b. 23 Feb 1905, d. 15 Sep 1991. He married **Maud Lea (Dawson) Hodge** and they had four children together.
2. **Ella Nelson**, b. 11 May 1906, d. 1 Feb 1908.
3. **Clarissa Lillian Nelson**, b. 3 Feb 1908, d. 20 Jan 1986. She married **Arby L. Newman** and had a large family.
4. **Leona Neva Nelson**, b. 28 Apr 1909, d. Sep 1979. She married **Roy T. Newman** and they had at least three sons together.
5. **Pearl Clida Nelson**, b. 7 Apr 1912, d. 221 Mar 1994. She married **Jessie James Kersey** and they had a large family.
6. **Bessie May Nelson**, b. 3 May 1914, d. 23 Dec 1995. She married **Champ Clark Taber** and they had two daughters together.
7. **Leo Nelson**, b. 29 Aug 1917, d. 14 Nov 1973. He married **Stella Mae Plowman**.
8. **Floys Laverne Nelson, b. 8 Jul 1921, 8 Jul 2014**. She married **Claud H. Webber** in 1936. They apparently had no children together.[114]
9. **Oneta Tennessee Nelson**, b. 1 Oct 1924, d. 25 Oct 2010. She married **William Glenn Blake** on 12 Mar 1961. Her surviving children were **Orville Nelson**,

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[112] There is only circumstantial evidence that she was a child of Aaron Davis, but the notion seems credible enough. After he died, the family is not found in the 1870 Census, but there is no evidence of any of her step-siblings being born outside of Illinois.

[113] *Missouri State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Certificate of Death* #26058 (for Della Day), and *Find A Grave*, Memorial # 32959540 (headstone photo – name is Deliah A. Day), accessed 27 Jul 2017.

[114] *Http://www.thesalemonlinenws.com/obituaries/article_4ac49d00-07ac-11e4-b545-0018a43b2370.html*. Accessed March 2017.

Morris Blake, **Larry Blake**, **Connie Tiemann** and **Janet Hardee**. An infant son Lonnie died aged one day (b. 5 Jun 1963, d. 6 Jun 1963).[115]

iv. **Daisey Marie Day**, b. Jun 1888, d. 1907. She married **Lee Campbell** and they had at least one daughter together.
   1. **Daisy Lee Marie Campbell**, b. 25 Oct 1905, d. 25 Dec 1986. She married **George James Dewey Parsons**.

v. **Della Venious Day**, b. May 1892, 8 Apr 1975. She first married **Louis Adam Bowers** and they had one son together. She next married **Clifford Clinton Cole**. Her third marriage was to **Lonza Lafayette**. It is not known if she had any children by the second two marriages.
   1. **George Blaine Bowers**, b. 3 Dec 1909, d. 6 Nov 2000. He married **V. Ester** (LNU) and they had at least three daughters together.

vi. **Ranson L. Day**, b. Oct 1894.

vii. **Elmer Clarence Day**, b. 20 Sep 1897, d. 7 Feb 1959.

viii. **Clydia Day**, b. 21 Sep 1900, d. 28 Jul 1987. She married **William Larkin Shockley** and they had at least four children together.
   1. **William Loyd Shockley**, b. 12 Jan 1919, d. 9 Nov 2003. He married first **Lucille Caroline Trimmer**. He married **Evelyn Steigers West** on 28 Apr 1950. On 14 May 1990, he married **Dorothy Bandy Abel**.[116]
   2. **Gertrude Lorraine Shockley**, b. 29 Jul 1921, d. 1 Jan 1991. She married **Orville Hendrickson**.
   3. **Glendale L. Shockley**, b. about 1926. She married **Elmer Ervin Connors**.
   4. **Cecil E. Shockley**, b. 10 Nov 1936.

ix. **Everett Day**, b. about 1909.

6. **WILLIAM DAVIS, JR.**, b. about 1826. He married first **Lucinda Butcher** on 18 Apr 1847. He married second **Rebecca Jane "Jennie" Taylor** on 18 Jan 1877. The children by his first wife were:
   a. **John Davis**, b. about 1847, d. about 1878 (his wife remarried in 1880). He married **Emma Kimmel** on 16 Nov 1866. They had at least three children together.
      i. **Abbie Gail Davis**, b. 13 Aug 1871, d. 13 Jul 1954. She married **Frank Edwin Evans**. They had no children together.
      ii. **Rachel "Dollie" Davis**, b. Feb 1872. She married **Jacob Albert, Jr.**, the son of her second husband. The 1900 Census shows that they had four children, all of whom were alive at the time. **Jacob** was widowed by the 1910 Census, and no other children are listed in his household.

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[115] *Missouri Division of Health, Standard Death Certificate*, State File Number 63-026952.
[116] *Find A Grave,* memorial # 94935570, transcription of an obituary published in the Decatur Herald-Review on 10 Nov 2003.

1. **Otis Albert**, b. Oct 1887.
2. **Millie Nettie Albert**, b. Jul 1890.
3. **Emma Albert**, b. Apr 1893. She married **John William Copeland**.
4. **William Albert**, b. 18 Jul 1898, d. 20 Jul 1965. He first married **Vida** (LNU) and it appears they had no children together. He married second **Agnes Bell Pritchett**, and they had two daughters together.

iii. **Edward Davis**, b. Oct 1877.

b. **Winiford "Winnie" Davis**, b. 4 Jul 1852, d. 6 Sep 1920. She married **Simon Fox** on 26 Aug 1869. The 1900 Census shows that they had seven children together, and all were alive at that time.

i. **Ola Bell Fox**, b. Jun 1870, d. 16 Jul 1911. She married **Michael Schaeffer** on 4 Apr 1889. The 1900 Census showed they had three children, only two of whom were alive at that time. At least on additional child was born after 1900:

1. **George Henry Schaeffer**, b. 8 Mar 1890, d. 23 Oct 1949. He married **Ethel** (LNU) and they had at least two sons together.
2. **Maud Schaeffer**, b. May 1893, d. Apr 1975. She married **Jess Van Buren Henson**. They had at least four children together.
3. **Anna Belle Schaeffer**, b. 11 Nov 1904, d. 23 Aug 1996. She married **Frank F. Pierson** and they had at least three children together.

ii. **Alice M. Fox**, b. Aug 1872. She married **Mike Schumacher** on 17 Mar 1892. The 1900 Census shows that she had three children, all of whom were alive at that time. The 1910 Census shows two additional children:

1. **Harmon Schumacher**, b. May 1893.
2. **Fred B. Schumacher**, b. 28 Oct 1895, d. Feb 1968. He married **Clara F.** (LNU) and they had at least three children.
3. **Bessie Schumacher**, b. Aug 1898.
4. **Maud Schumacher**, b. about 1902.
5. **Katie Schumacher**, b. about 1903, d. 29 Jan 1918.

iii. **Ella Fox**, b. 1874, d. 10 Jan 1916. She married **Louis A. Welch** on 3 Apr 1890. The 1900 Census shows that she had three children, only two of whom were alive at that time:

1. **Matthew Welch**, b. 14 Feb 1891, d. 29 May 1984. He married **Ruth B. Taylor** on 12 Dec 1922. They divorced before the 1930 Census. He married second **Elizabeth R. Adams**, and they had two children together.
2. **Myrtle E. Welch**, b. Jan 1893.

iv. **Emma Fox**, b. 21 May 1878, d. 29 Oct 1954. She married **Charles Couey Jay** on 23 Aug 1894. They had no children together.

v. **Harmon Harrison Fox**, b. 28 Aug 1880, d. Dec 1971. He married **Anna Rheinecker** and they had a large family:

1. **Famous Francis Fox**, b. about 1909.
2. **Vera Marie Fox**, b. 9 Aug 1909, d. 27 Jan 1992. She married **Edward Bradley** and they had at least one together.
3. **Sheridan C. Fox**, b. 13 May 1911, d. 31 Mar 1996.
4. **Lucille H. Fox**, b. 5 Apr 1914, d. 1 Aug 1995. She married **Marion W. Kren**.
5. **Eileen M. Fox**, b. 27 Jan 1916, d. 15 Apr 2002. She married **Mr. Gasko**.
6. **Benjamin C. Fox**, b. about 1920.
7. **Bonnie Ann Fox**, b. 1 Jul 1921, d. 24 Sep 2006. She married **John Frederick Grout** and they had at least one daughter together.

vi. **Lillian Fox**, b. 27 Feb 1889. She married **Ezra Ira Cooper** and they had several children together:

1. **Selma M. Cooper**, b. 11 May 1916, d. 10 Apr 1999.
2. **Evelyn H. Cooper**, b. about 1918.
3. **Lloyd C. Cooper**, b. 2 Jan 1920, d. 11 Sep 1974.
4. **William L. Cooper**, b. about 1923.
5. **Virginia L. Cooper**, b. about 1925.

vii. **William Fox**, b. 10 Oct 1894, d. 16 Feb 1956. Her married **Irene Marie Welge** and they had at least three children:

1. **Evelyn R. Fox**, b. 9 May 1918, d. Sep 1982. She married **David Milne Grant**.
2. **Vernon Fox**, b. 17 Dec 1919, d. 21 Apr 1976. He married **Hazel Mae Hill** on 7 May 1943.
3. **Violet Mae Fox**, b. 12 May 1925, d. 26 Jun 1989. She married **Mr. Giaquinto**.

c. **Harriette "Hattie" Davis**, b. 28 Jul 1861, f. 26 Nov 1930. She married **John W. Robinson** on 28 Jul 1879. Harriett was a widow in the 1900 Census, where it shows that she and John had five children together, only four of whom were alive at that time. She married second **Samuel Fulgham**, but they had no children together.

i. **Julia E. Robinson**, b. Feb 1881, d. 11 Apr 1957.

ii. **Dellia E. Robinson**, b. Jan 1883.

iii. **Elizabeth Florence Robinson**, b. 18 Apr 1885, d. 7 Aug 1943. She married **James Harvey Bean** and the had one son:

1. **Cecil H. "Jack" Bean**, b. 17 Aug 1904, d. 12 Jun 1946.

iv. **John William Robinson**, b. 17 Sep 1888.

d. **George Washington Davis**, b. 5 Jul 1867, d. 8 Aug 1940. He married **Rachel Latty** on 2 Jan 1888. The 1900 Census shows that she had

five children, all of whom were alive at that time. Her obituary names her nine children:[117]

i. **General Robert William "Colonel Bob" Davis**, b. 3 Oct 1890, d. 13 Oct 1964. He was the publisher of the *Carbondale Free Press*.

ii. **Kathleen L. "Kate" Davis**, b. 6 Sep 1892, d. 3 Jun 1965. She married **Robert Blocklock Grubb** in 1912 in Jackson County, Illinois.[118]

1. **Lillian Mae Grubb**, b. 11 Jul 1913. She married **Robert L. Miller**.
2. **Freda Serene Grubb**, b. 14 Aug 1917, d. 9 Oct 1998. She married first **Mr. Newbill** and she married second **Walter Lesley Adams**.
3. **Eloise Marie Grubb**, b. 19 Mar 1921, d. 3 Jul 1994. She married **Harold Boehler**.
4. **Donald R. Grubb**, b. 8 Jun 1924, d. 20 Nov 1992. He married Ruby MNU.[119]
   a. **Virginia Grubb**. She married **Dan Seymour**.
   b. **Karen Grubb**.
   c. **Gary Grubb**.

iii. **Mark J. Davis**, b. 2 Aug 1894, 7 Dec 1927. He married **Marie McNeil**. [120]

iv. **Mida E. Davis**, b. 25 Feb 1898, Jul 1987. She married **Lloyd McPhail**, and they apparently had no children together.

v. **Bonnie Bell Davis**, b. 7 Apr 1900, d. May 1969. She married **Harold Elmer Beeney** on 24 Dec 1926. They had at least four children together:

1. **Doris Ann Beeney**, b. 24 Jun 1929, d. 2 May 1999. She married **Dale F. Smeal**.
2. **William George Beeney**, b. 28 Feb 1932, d. 27 Jul 2008. He married **Joan L. Spencer** on 17 Oct 1954.[121]
3. **Marilyn Jean Beeney**, b. 23 Jul 1933, d. 9 Jan 2004. She married first **Randall P. Pfeil** on 7 Jan 1955, and she married second **Donald D. Oliver**.
4. **Ronald Earl Beeney**, b. 31 Mar 1939, d. 9 Feb 2016. He married **Donna M. Draayer** on 20 Apr 1968.

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[117] *Carbondale Press (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 28, No. 147, Tuesday, 28 July 1931*, page 1, column 6, first article, Mother of Col. Robert W. Davis Dies.

[118] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 73, No. 132, Sunday, 6 Jun 1965*, page 28, column 2, fifth article, Mrs. Robert Grubb Dies in California.

[119] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 100, No. 326, Saturday, 21 Nov 1992*, page 4D, column 2, second article, Donald R. Grubb.

[120] Ancestry.com's *Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index 1916-1947*.

[121] *www.starherald.com/william-g-beeney/article_602a72ab-b12b-554d-9fbf-a7ec9d1fc54c.html*, the obituary for William G. Beeney. Accessed 17 Nov 2017.

vi. **George Latty Davis**, b. 4 Aug 1902, d. 16 Sep 1988. He married **Wilma Rose Brockett** on 3 Nov 1940.[122] She lived to be 102 years old. They had the following children together:[123]
   1. **Mary Dell Davis**, b. 12 Oct 1947, d. 13 Nov 2013. She married **Clifford Bishop** on 14 Jun 1975 and they had three children together.[124]
   2. **Rachel Ann Davis**.
   3. **Herbert L. "Herb" Davis**.
   4. **Jerry E. Davis**.

vii. **Ethel F. Davis**, b. 1904, d. 19 Jul 1953. She married **Thomas E. Swan, Jr**.[125]
   1. **Weldon Parrell Swan**, b. 5 Feb 1927, d. 6 Aug 1935.
   2. **Davey Lee Swan**, b. about 1930. He married **Peggy Jane Coleman** on 28 Aug 1949 in Clay County, Arkansas.

viii. **Marie Audrey Davis**, b. 1908, d. 5 Jun 1986. She married **Elmer Roy Rees** and they had two daughters:[126]
   1. **Betty June Rees**, b. 22 Jun 1930, d. 24 Nov 1993. She married **Paul E. Gurley**.
      a. **Matthew B. Gurley**.
      b. **Jeff Gurley**.
      c. **Amy Gurley**.
      d. **Paula Gurley**.
   2. **Brenda Kay Rees**, b. 13 Jan 1942, d. 10 Dec 2013. She married first **Stanley George Horst**, and she married second **Mr. Ussery**. There was one daughter by the first marriage:[127]
      a. **Kara Horst**.

ix. **Lucille E. Davis**, b. 10 Mar 1911, d. 17 Jun 2005. She married **Charles Henry Martie**. They had the following children together:[128]
   1. **Sue Carol Martie**, b. 11 Apr 1937. She married **Jean "Tom" Snider**.
   2. **Chris Martie**.
   3. **Judy Martie**.

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[122] *www.searbyfuneralhomes.com/obituary/3722270*. Accessed 26 Jul 2017.
[123] *The Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 118, No. 207, Friday, 29 Jul 2011*, page 4B, column 1, first article, Obituaries: Wilma Davis.
[124] *https://www.afterlife.co/us/obituary-elkville-mary-dell-bishop-1496269*. Accessed 26 Jul 2017.
[125] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 61, No. 169, Monday, 20 Jul 1953*, page 3, column 6, first article, Ethel Swan Dies Sunday.
[126] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 94, No. 155, Friday, 6 Jun 1986*, page 11, column 3, first article, Deaths: Marie A. Rees.
[127] *www.plummerfuneralservices.com/obits/obituary.php/obitID/37799/print/a*. Accessed 26 Jun 2017.
[128] https://www.newspaper.com/newspage/83803384/. Accessed 26 Jul 2017.

7. **ELIZABETH "BETSY" DAVIS**, b. 23 Aug 1830, d. 9 Mar 1915. She married **Thomas N. Young** on 1 Oct 1851, and they had a large family together:
    a. **James W. Young**, b. about 1857. He married **Mary J. Park**.
    b. **Catherine "Katie" Young**, b. about 1858, d. 9 Sep 1873.
    c. **Thomas Nicholas Young, Jr.**, b. 10 Apr 1861, d. 7 Jun 1951. He married **Laura J. Baker**, and they had two children together:
        i. **Arthur James Young**, b. 24 Jul 1888, d. 11 Nov 1938. He married **Pearl Adams**.
        ii. **Velda O. Young**, b. 15 Jun 1893, d. 12 Sep 1953. She married **Frank David Lucas**.
    d. **Peter Alexander Young**, b. Nov 1864, d. 23 Jun 1939. He married **Rosa Catherine Crisp**, and they had several children together:
        i. **Jessie Elizabeth Young**, b. 7 May 1894, d. 28 Apr 1980. She married **James Mathew Landis** and they had no children together.
        ii. **Freeland Chesley Young**, b. 25 Sep 1896, d. 25 Jan 1973. He married **Iza H.** (LNU). They had one son together.
            1. **Ronald Young**, b. about 1921.
        iii. **Estella B. Young**, b. 15 Dec 1898, d. 28 Oct 1955. She married **Frank Clarence Harper**. They had at least three children together.
            1. **Herbert Ralph Harper**, b. 26 Mar 1923, d. 29 Nov 1995. He married **Kathleen Kelly** on 11 Aug 1970.
            2. **Elmer Frank Harper**, b. 18 Jan 1926, d. 17 Jul 2011. He married **Ruth Owens** on 11 Jun 1950.
            3. **Chloe Estelle Harper**, b. 23 Jul 1933, d. 22 Nov 2001.
        iv. **Rosie Mae Young**, b. Apr 1900, d. 22 Jun 1983. She married **William F. Dorman** and they had at least two sons together.
            1. **Delmar George Dorman**, b. 7 May 1933.
            2. **Dahl Andra Dorman**, b. 2 Jun 1936.
        v. **Charles Herbert Young**, b. 19 Sep 1907, d. 27 Jul 1970. He had married **Ethel A. Owens**. He was divorced by the 1940 Census, when he was living with a son and daughter.
            1. **Donald Owen Young**, b. 10 Oct 1934, d. 5 Nov 2006.
            2. **Doralee Young**, b. about 1935.
    e. **Isaac L. "Ike" Young**, b. 24 Nov 1865, d. 12 Mar 1913. It could not be determined whether he had ever married.
    f. **Nora Ellen Young**, b. 10 Jun 1869, d. 25 Apr 1955. She married **Frank Lewis Clapp** and they had three children together.
        i. **Virgil Frank Clapp**, b. 30 Jan 1892, d. 1 Aug 1938. He married first **Freida C. Waidler** on 11 Oct 1911 and they had one son together. He married second **Gladys Margaret Franz** on 27 Jun 1936.
            1. **Florine C. Clapp**, b. 14 Jul 1912, d. 14 Aug 1963.

ii. **Leroy Thomas Clapp**, b. 2 Feb 1894, d. 19 Aug 1935. He married Opal Panza Boggess. They had one daughter together:
1. **Virginia E. Clapp**, b. 18 Jul 1916, 20 Jan 1979. She married **Peter Anthony Bengochea** on 20 Nov 1935. The 1940 Census shows that they had two daughters:

iii. **Estella V. Clapp**, b. 29 Oct 1895, d. 15 Dec 1961. She married **Vernon Dexter Brown** and they had at least one son together:
1. **LeRoy Clair "Roy" Brown**, b. 17 Sep 1912, d. 1 Mar 2003.

g. **George E. Young**, b. 4 Jan 1873, d. 6 Feb 1951. He married **Laura M. Adkinson**. They had no children together.

8. **THOMAS DAVIS**, b. about 1833, d. 18 Sep 1873. He married **Melissa Charity Cannon** on 7 Sep 1853. His probate file[129] names all of his heirs who were living in 1873, including his youngest child, who was adopted by **George A. Gordon**.

a. **Lucindia Davis**, b. 7 Jul 1854, d. 26 Jun 1925. She married first **James W. Hardesty** on 11 Sep 1876. She married second **Francis M. Childers**. She had two children by the first marriage, and one by the second (in the 1900 Census, it indicates that she had only two children, both whom were alive at that time):

i. **Ernest Hardesty**, b. about 1878.

ii. **Franklin Hardesty**, b. 7 Nov 1879, d. 23 Jan 1930. He married **Lydia C. Rife** and they adopted a son (**Loren**) and had a son of their own.
1. **Frank F. Hardesty**, b. about 1921.

iii. **Martha Elizabeth B. "Lizzie" Childers**, b. May 1883. She was not named as an heir to her father's estate in 1912.

b. **Elias Davis**, b. 11 Sep 1855, d. 17 Mar 1922. He married **Mary C. Henson** on 12 Sep 1886, and they had no children together.

c. **Henry Davis**, b. about 1858. He is not found in the 1870 Census with the rest of Thomas' children, and he was not listed as an heir to his father's estate.

d. **Ephraim Davis**, b. 28 Mar 1861, d. 18 Nov 1939. He married **Laura A. Fox** on 19 Mar 1885. Their known children are:

i. **Nellie Davis**, b. 25 Jun 1886, d. 1 Apr 1909. She married **Lycurgus Marshall Rees** in 1904. They had no children together.

ii. **Maude Davis**, b. Jun 1891, d. 1968. She married **George W. Ingram** in 1912. They had three children together.
1. **Nina E. Ingram**, b. 18 Sep 1913, d. 26 Apr 1979. She married **Donald E. Brummet** and they had at least two children together.
2. **George Melbourne Ingram**, b. 22 Nov 1915, d. 30 Mar 2000. He married **Ruth H.** (LNU).

[129] *Jackson County, Illinois Probates Division A, Box 17*, file 652.

3. **Laura Nadine Ingram**, b. 26 Dec 1916, d. 4 Feb 1992. She married **Judson Emery Harriss, Jr.** on 8 Mar 1938.

iii. **Walter Thomas Davis**, b. 2 Oct 1896, d. 5 Jul 1949. He married **Lucy Ardy Newhouse** in 1917. They had one son together.

1. **Mayron Max Davis**, b. 3 Dec 1918, d. 13 May 1951. He married first **Betty Jane Swanson** on 19 Apr 1941 and they had one son together. He married second **Dorothy Dean Orr**.

e. **Annis Davis**, b. 30 Apr 1864, d. 8 Oct 1892. She married **John Charles "Jack" Bowes**. Their children were:

i. **John B. Bowes**, b. Feb 1884. He married first **Ollie Lilly** and they had one son together. He married second **Emma May (Melligan) Clark** and they are not known to have had any children together.

1. **John David F. Bowes**, b. 30 May 1903, d. 24 Sep 1941. He married first **Jennie Richards**. He married second **Elsie M. Edwards**, and they had at least one daughter together.

ii. **Frank J. Bowes**, b. 30 Apr 1886, d. 1 Aug 1972. He briefly married **Enid Clarke**, but they divorced with no children.

iii. **David Bowes**, b. 17 Jul 1888, d. 20 Oct 1971. He married **Elizabeth Mary Schwartz**. They had one daughter together:

1. **Ethel Pauline B. O. Bowes**, b. about 1920.

iv. **Daisy M. (Bowes) Meier**, b. 13 Mar 1892, d. 6 Feb 1983. She was adopted by **Jacob** and **Mary Meier** of Spokane, Washington. She married **Robert K. Lowther**, and they seem to never have had any children.

f. **Winnie Davis**, b. 16 Sep 1867, d. 12 Apr 1955. She married **Calvin Oliver Allard**, and they had two sons together:

i. **John Howard Allard**, b. Oct 1893. He seems to have never married.

ii. **Carl Allard**, b. 27 Feb 1895, d. 14 Jun 1973. He married **Lyla Ruby Wisely**. They had at least three children together.

g. **Evaline Davis**, b. 27 Aug 1871, d. 4 Sep 1929. She married **George W. Stickles** on 16 Aug 1900. They had at least three daughters together:

i. **Francis E. Stickles**, b. 15 Nov 1901, d. 8 Jan 1984. She married **Lucien J. Dennison**, and they had several children together:

1. **Delia Madline Dennison**, b. 24 Sep 1922, d. May 1980. She married a Mr. **Hamilton**.

2. **Robert David Dennison**, b. 13 Dec 1923, d. 17 Oct 2002.

3. **Bertha Mae Dennison**, b. 13 Sep 1925, d. 30 May 1988.
4. **Henry Eugene Dennison**, b. 28 eb 1927, d. 22 May 1931.
5. **Julia R. Dennison**, b. 15 Apr 1929, d. 3 Nov 1989. She married **John E. Bowlin**.
6. **Mary Dennison**, b. about 1931.
7. **Arvil Dennison**, b. about 1933.
8. **Josephine Dennison**, b. 24 Mar 1935, d. 15 Sep 1999. She married **Orville Eugene Howell**.
9. **Wilma Jean Dennison**, b. 10 Jun 1935, d. 29 Jun 1999.
10. **Emma Dennison**, b. about 1939.

ii. **Charity Aurelia Stickles**, b. about 1904, d. 6 May 1988. She married **Peter E. Lonier**.

iii. **Lucinda J. Stickles**, b. Sep 1907, d. 6 Aug 1911.

h. **Lawrence Edward Davis**, alias **Lon Gordon**, b. 19 Dec 1871, d. 11 Jun 1900. He married **Evangeline Rogers** and they had two sons:

i. **Ralph Emmerson Gordon**, b. 24 May 1896, 15 Nov 1900.

ii. **Neil Dow Gordon**, b. 6 Mar 1900, d. Apr 1973. He married **Wilhelmine M. Bergander**.

9. **LEONARD DAVIS**, b. 11 Apr 1834, d. 4 Oct 1906. He married **Sarah Wallace** on 24 Jun 1857. They had several children:

a. **John E. Davis**, b. Nov 1857, d. 13 Jul 1936. He married **Georgia Anna Teel** around 1883. The 1900 Census shows that they had five children, only four of who were stilling alive at that time. Later records show on additional daughter:

i. **Sarah Isabelle Davis**, b. Apr 1884. She married **Thomas Edward Bulley** around 1905. They had at least three children together:

1. **Ernest Davis Bulley**, b. 8 Feb 1906, d. 18 Aug 1972. He married **Gladyce Amelita Todd** on 12 Apr 1929.
2. **Henry Edward Bulley**, b 16 Jan 1912, d. 2 Jan 1996. He married **Augusta M.** (LNU).
3. **Alice Margaret Bulley**, b. 18 Jan 1916, d. Nov 1989. She was married in the1940 Census, but her husband, **Mr. Cleaveland**, was not enumerated. They had a daughter.

ii. **Nellie C. Davis**, b. 6 Jun 1886, d. 18 May 1902.

iii. **Lewis Davis**, b. 290 Jul 1891, d. 14 Jan 1892.[130]

iv. **Annis May Davis**, b. 16 Nov 1892, d. 12 May 1960. She married **Cyrus Preston Cunningham** and they had a large family together:

1. **John Wesley Cunningham**, b. 8Mar 1910, d. 20 Apr 1971.

[130] *Find A Grave*, memorial # 46849391 (headstone photo). Accessed 30 Jul 2017.

2. **Ethel M. Cunningham**, b. about 1912. She married **Mr. Werner**.
3. **Ruby Mae. Cunningham**, b. 6 Mar 1912, d. 8 Jul 1983. She married **Mr. Millspaugh**.
4. **Georgia Melissa Cunningham**, b. 21 Jan 1914, d. 17 Oct 1992. She married **Peter Murray Millspaugh**. They had at least two children together.
5. **Charles Cyrus Cunningham**, b. 3 Feb 1916, d. 2 Jan 1999. He married **Mylia Madge Campbell** and they had three children together.
6. **Elmer Preston Cunningham**, b. 22 Aug 1921, d. 24 Nov 2000. He married Grace (LNU) around 1946 and he had three children who survived him (**Grace**, **Steve** and **Carolyn**).[131]
7. **Pauline Evelyn Cunningham**, b. 19 Jun 1923, d. 21 Jan 1990. She married **Mr. Jauregui**.
8. **Junior Boyd Cunningham**, b. 3 Jun 1925, 17 Feb 1988.
9. **Betty Rosetta Cunningham**, b. 10 Jan 1928, d. 27 Oct 2010. She married **Elmer E. Ormiston** on 13 Dec 1952.
10. **Virginia Lee Cunningham**, b. 26 Feb 1931, d. 23 May 1998. She married **Carl B. St. John** on 23 Feb 1957.

v. **Lawrence Charles Davis**, b. 6 May 1897, d. 25 Aug 1975. He married **Anna Minnie L. Rathke**. They had one son together:
1. **Donald Kenneth Davis**, b. 28 Feb 1922, d. 25 Aug 2004.

vi. **Dora Ada Davis**, b. 13 May 1905, d. 2 Jul 1987. She married **Harry Hudson Wells** and they had at least four children:
1. **Irene Emma Wells**, b. 2 Dec 1924, d. 21 Apr 1943. She married **Arthur E. Baker**.
2. **Harry Edwin Wells**, b. 6 Mar 1926.
3. **Dorothy Marie Wells**, b. 29 Aug 1930.
4. **Thelma Jean Wells**, b. 27 Aug 1936. She married **Gerald G. Six** on 29 Aug 1954.

b. **Eliza Jane Davis**, b. 6 Dec 1859, d. 27 Dec 1922. She first married **Turner Gooall Coin** on 25 Sep 1876 and they had a daughter together. She next married **William Lankford Crawford** around 1892. The 1900 Census shows that she had five children, only three of whom were alive at that time. Later Census records add two more children:

i. **Isabell Coin**, b. about 1879.

[131] www.recordnet.com/article/20001130/A_NEWS21/311309999. Obituary for Elmer P. Cunningham of Manteca. Accessed 26 Mar 2017.

ii. **Henrietta Crawford**, b. 9 Oct 1894, d. 26 Dec 1961. She married **Benjamin Franklin Hughes**, and they had three children together:
    1. **Eileen M. Hughes**, b. 25 Jul 1918, d. 2 Feb 2008. She married **Alan Stauch**.
    2. **Harold Lankford "Bud" Hughes**, b. 24 Sep 1919, d. 10 Sep 1991. He married **Martha Jane Heal**.
    3. **Erna L. Hughes**, b. 8 Mar 1924, d. 16 Mar 2012. She married first **Stephen Muzzio**, and second **Mr. Dohallow**.

iii. **Eva Blossom Crawford**, b. Jul 1897, d. 23 Jun 1922. She married first **Eugene P. Glines** on 4 Oct 1913. She married second **William Joseph Wagner** on 26 May 1917.
    1. **Inez Marcella Glines**., b. 4 Sep 1914, d. 5 Jun 1998. She married **Jack A. Pyle, Junior**.
        a. **Donna L. Pyle**.
    2. **Freda Lorraine Wagner**, b. 9 Feb 1918, d. 29 Sep 2003. She married **Carl Edward Nomann**.
    3. **Frederick William Wagner**, b. 18 Sep 1919, d. 24 Sep 1986.
    4. **Betty Jane Wagner.**

iv. **Anna LaVera Crawford**, b. 1 Feb 1898, d. 8 Oct 1965. She married **Edwin R. Solberg** and they had at least four children together:
    1. **Ella Marie Solberg**, b. 19 Sep 1920, d. 22 Feb 1966. She married **Nathaniel Poole**.
    2. **Florence Evonne "Susie" Solberg**, b. 11 Oct 1925, d. 20 Apr 2012. She married first **John Cecil Homan** and they had three daughters (**Lynda Marie**, **Charlene Kay** and **Cynthia Yvonne**). They divorced in Feb 1967. She married second **Ancil Warren "Kelly" Kellogg** on 1 Jan 1977 (whom she divorced two years later).[132]
    3. **Edwin R. Solberg**, b. 1930, d. 1946.
    4. **Robert Lee Solberg**, b. 1936, d. 1944.

v. **Viva May Crawford**, b.6 May 1901, d. 6 Feb 1988. She married first **Ira Dunkin**. She married second **Edwin A. Paxton** on 9 Jun 1976.

vi. **Walter Lankford Crawford**, b. 31 May 1904, d. Jul 1966. He married **Myra Amarylis Lamoure** and they had at least two children together:
    1. **Joan Louise Crawford**, b. 16 Aug 1931, d. 1 Dec 1992. She married **Mr. Ward**.
    2. **Walter David Crawford**, b. 22 Sep 1934, d. 23 May 1997.

[132] Unsourced obituary for Florence Evonne Solberg Homan Kellogg on Ancestry.com, submitted by rmsylte on 23 Apr 2012.

c. **Sarah Isabelle Davis**, b. 2 Apr 1865, d. 25 Oct 1943. She married **Lorenzo Dow Robinson** on 17 Jul 1881. The 1900 Census shows that she had three children, all of whom were alive at that time:
    i. **Clara Robinson**, b. 31 Jan 1884, d. Sep 1977. She married **Raymond Clemence Launders, Sr.** in 1905. They had five children together:
        1. **Edith Irene Launders**, b. 3 Oct 1906, d. 30 Apr 1996. She married first **Theron O. Scovil** and second **George W. Stone**.
        2. **Ethel Marie Launders**, b. 14 Jun 1911, d. 18 Jun 1990. She married **Estel F. Johnson**. They had at least one son together:
        3. **Evelyn C. Launders**, b. 8 Jan 1913, d. 19 Mar 2001. She married **Thomas E. McCollum** and they had one son together.
        4. **Evangeline G. Launders**, b. 11 Feb 1918, d. Apr 2013. She married **Caleb A. Lewis** on 5 Dec 1941. They had at least one daughter together.
        5. **Raymond Clemence Launders, Jr.**, b. 7 Jan 1922, d. 23 Jun 1936.
    ii. **Walter Albert Robinson**, b. 17 Jun 1886, d. 3 Feb 1955. He married **Nettie Cordella Swinney**, and they had three children together:
        1. **Clarence Walter Robinson**, b. 12 Apr 1914, d. 19 Aug 1990. He married **Marie Anna Wankum**.
        2. **Charles Claude Robinson**, b. 26 May 1919, d. 3 Jul 1990.
        3. **Neva Jane Robinson**, b. 27 Apr 1927, d. 6 May 1997. She married first **Mr. Sawyer**. She married second **Marion L. Kuder** on 31 May 1953. She married third **Mr. Bustard**.
    iii. **Charles R. Robinson**, b. 6 Jun 1889, d. 6 May 1957.

d. **William L. Davis**, b. 20 Sep 1867, d. 10 May 1949. He married **May F. Brice** around 1903. Their children:
    i. **Dolly Davis**, b. 5 Dec 1904, d. 7 Sep 1984. She married **Fred S. Rathke**. They had two daughters
        1. **Evelyn Adeline Rathke**, b. 31 Aug 1926, d. 28 Mar 2014. She married first **Charles E. Butler**. She married second **Robert L. Roripaugh**.
        2. **Luella May Rathke**, b. 28 Mar 1928.
    ii. **Norma Davis**, b. 5 Aug 1906, d. 15 Feb 1998.
    iii. **James Budd Davis**, b. 18 Apr 1910, d. 3 Mar 1990. He married **Velda Marie Walker**, and they had two sons:
        1. **Gary Arthur Davis**, b. 8 Dec 1939, d. 24 Jun 2005. He married **Bobbie Kay Tucker** and they had two sons.

2. **Jan Franklin Davis**, b. 27 Apr 1941.

e. **Joseph L. Davis**, b. 29 Feb 1870, d. 26 Oct 1947. He married **Josie Adele Crisp** about 1895. The 1900 Census shows that she had two children, but only her daughter was alive at that time:
   i. **Elsie Elnora Davis**, b. 26 Sep 1896, d. 3 Apr 1982. She married **Grover Cleveland De Lapp**, and they had two children
      1. **Virgil De Lapp**, b. about 1919.
      2. **Mary Ethel De Lapp**, b. 21 Aug 1933.

f. **Henry Davis**, b. 24 Sep 1872, d. 29 Apr 1943. He married **Sadie Martha Hodges** around 1898. They had several children:
   i. **Roy Ernest Davis**, b. 26 Jun 1899, d. 6 May 1964. He married **Hazel Alice Stinchfield**.
   ii. **Raymond Henry Davis**, b. 19 Sep 1903, d. 4 May 1960. He married **Mary Pearl Black**.
      1. **Barbara Jo Ann Davis**, b. 23 Aug 1930, d. 15 Jan 1998.
      2. **Carolyn Joyce Davis**, b. 21 Jan 1933.
      3. **Donald Ray Davis**, b. 4 Mar 1938.
   iii. **Albert Lee "Abe" Davis**, b. 30 Jul 1906, d. 6 Jun 1984. He married **Mildred Amelia Hopper** and they had at least one daughter together:
      1. **Marilyn Jeanette Davis**, b. 9 Oct 1930, 6 Jun 2012. She married first **Billy Ray Rush**. She married second **Clarence Richard Huhn** on 22 Jun 1966.
   iv. **Velda Etta Davis**, b. 2 Nov 1914, d. 10 Jul 1989. She married **George L. Hopper**.
   v. **Frederick Harold Davis**, b. 10 Oct 1920, d. 13 May 1978.

g. **Jacob Davis**, b. 9 Sep 1877, d. 7 Dec 1955. He married **Louisa Saloma Gehres** around 1901, and they had a large family together:
   i. **Ralph Ernest Davis**, b. 28 Dec 1901, d 17 Aug 1977. He married **Florence Peters** and they had at least one daughter:
      1. **Elsie Carolyn Davis**, b. 17 Feb 1931. She married **Robert T. Johnson** on 23 Jun 1950.
   ii. **Elva Lena Davis**, b. 14 Feb 1904, d. 27 Jul 1994. She married **Clarence L. Ogan**. Their children:
      1. **Virginia Muriel Davis**, b. 7 Dec 1925, d. 24 Jul 2001. She married **Ellis I. Young**.
      2. **Sa Loma L. Davis**, b. 3 May 1927. She married **Richard E. Dayo**.
      3. **Ransom Perry Ogan**, b. 21 Oct 1928, d. 9 Feb 1955.
      4. **Elva Maria Ogan**, b. 29 Dec 1929.
      5. **Mary Lee Ogan**, b. 19 Dec 1931.
      6. **David Clarence Ogan**, b. 23 Apr 1937.

iii. **Phillip Leonard Davis**, b. 16 Mar 1906, d. 22 Oct 1997. He married **Mary Elizabeth Dail**, and they had at least two children together:
    1. **Keith Leroy Davis**, b. 10 Feb 1927. He married **Sarah I. Haskins** on 15 Oct 1952.
    2. **Jeanne Ann Davis**, b. 29 Jun 1932. She married **William R. Buchanan** on 21 Nov 1952.

iv. **Boyd Lee Davis**, b. 25 Jun 1909, d. 16 Nov 1994. He married **Ruby Mary Slate** on 25 Jun 1932. They had two sons, **Lester Lee** and **Gary Dwayne**.[133]

v. **Vernon Daniel Davis**, b. 16 Jun 1911, d. 5 Nov 1997. He married **Hazel Merl Burch**.

vi. **Rebecca Jane Davis**, b. 4 Nov 1914, d. 18 Dec 2008. She married **Harry Kennedy**.

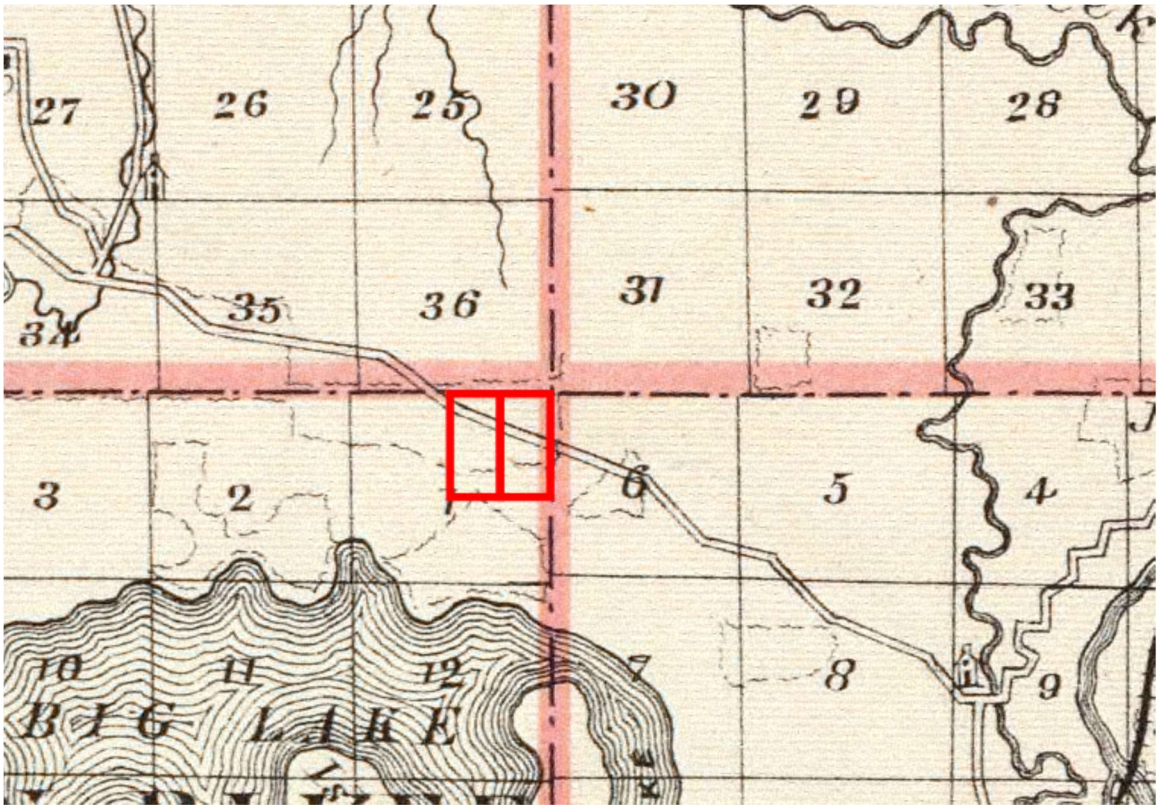
vii. **Cora Anna Davis**, b. 30 Jun 1918, 2 Jan 2011. She married **Marshall Henry Lyle** on 4 Apr 1948. They had three daughters: **Marcia Rose**, **Sophie R.** and **Charlotte Louise**.[134]

viii. **Nora Myrtle Louise Davis**, b. 7 May 1922.

[133] *http://obits.ocregister.com/obituaries/orangecounty/obituary.aspx?n=ruby-mary-davis-slate&pid=148462766*. Accessed 29 Mar 2017.
[134] *http://www.sandiegotribune.com/sdut-obituaries-91303-2003sep12-story.html*. Accessed 29 Mar 2017.

Thomas G. Davis

As stated earlier, a deed dated 21 Apr 1832 from James Davis and his wife Elizabeth to Thomas Davis for the sum of $10 establishes that Thomas was James' son. This corroborates the account by Benningsen Boon that James had moved from the property that he had sold George Creath to "the Bluffs," so we can imply this referred to the Upper Bluff Settlement. Since there is a clear chain of ownership – from preemption claim, to land entry, to patent, to this deed – there is no doubt that Thomas was the son of the James Davis who is said to have arrived in the county around 1808. And on 6 Oct 1841, James Davis and his wife Anna sold the remainder of the NE ¼ (the west half) to Thomas Davis for $200.[135] These properties are shown on the map below.



1876 map showing properties that Thomas Davis purchased from his father, James Davis.

The maiden name of Thomas' wife Elizabeth is found in an 1846 Deed of Mortgage between Henry Rentleman & others to Caleb Rentleman. In it, a 1/9th interest in the E ½ NW ¼ of Section 8, Township 9 S, Range 3 W in Jackson County (shown bottom right on above map, near where Kinkaid Creek drains into Big Muddy River, "was conveyed to said [Jacob] Rentleman decd by deed dated 17 Jan 1831 by Thomas Davis, and Betsy his wife formerly Betsy Massey and heirs of the estate of S. Massey deceased."[136] Shadrach Massey, as assignee of William E. Glenn, had received the patent to that

[135] *Jackson County, Illinois Deeds, Book D*, page 254.
[136] *Jackson County, Illinois Deeds, Book E*, pages 526-7, *FHL microfilm #008116135*, image 626 of 678.

property on 24 Dec 1825.[137] Census records show that in 1820 Shadrack Massey was the neighbor of James Davis.

Between Dec 1834 and Apr 1841, Thomas Davis served on one grand jury and three traverse juries.[138]

On 22 Apr 1837, Thomas Davis was granted a license to operate a tavern. The license cost $3.[139] This would almost certainly be the same tavern that James Davis had licensed at the same location since 1823. (How long Thomas maintained the tavern after this time is not known, but there may be record of its continuance in the County Commission minutes after 1841).

On 1 Mar 1841, Thomas Davis was paid $3.50 for his work as a road supervisor.[140]

On 2 Mar 1848, Thomas Davis (no wife was noted) sold the N ½ NE ¼ of Section 1, T9S, R4W to James Henson for $200 (likely the husband of Aaron's daughter Elizabeth).[141]

A marriage on 2 Sep 1849 between Thomas Davis and Elizabeth Hall (likely a widow, possibly of Stephen S. Hall [marriage of 10 Dec 1846]) was recorded in Jackson County.[142] The probate file for Stephen "Hale," administered by John Austin, state that he had died on 20 Jan 1849. If this was Elizabeth's first marriage, it suggests that Elizabeth's maiden name was Mary E. Cornman.

Thomas Davis, born about 1810 in the Carolinas, is found in the 1850 Census for the Northern District of Jackson County with his wife, Elizabeth (age 31), and children James (age 19), Delilah (age 14), Harriet (age 10) and Jefferson (age 9). James' 1849 marriage to Elizabeth (Cornman) Hall suggests that none of the children were hers. It also suggests that Thomas' earlier wife died sometime between 1841 and 1848.
[It is also possible that he was the Thomas Davis who had married Fidelia Bilderback on 16 Apr 1844. If so, it appears that he had no children by her who had survived childhood. In 1839 she was living in Randolph County, when she sold a property that was located about 7 miles east of the homestead that Thomas had inherited from his father.]

On 15 Apr 1856, Thomas Davis patented the following properties from the Government Land Office, as shown on the map below:[143]

- The E ½ SW ¼ of Section 36, T8S, R4W.

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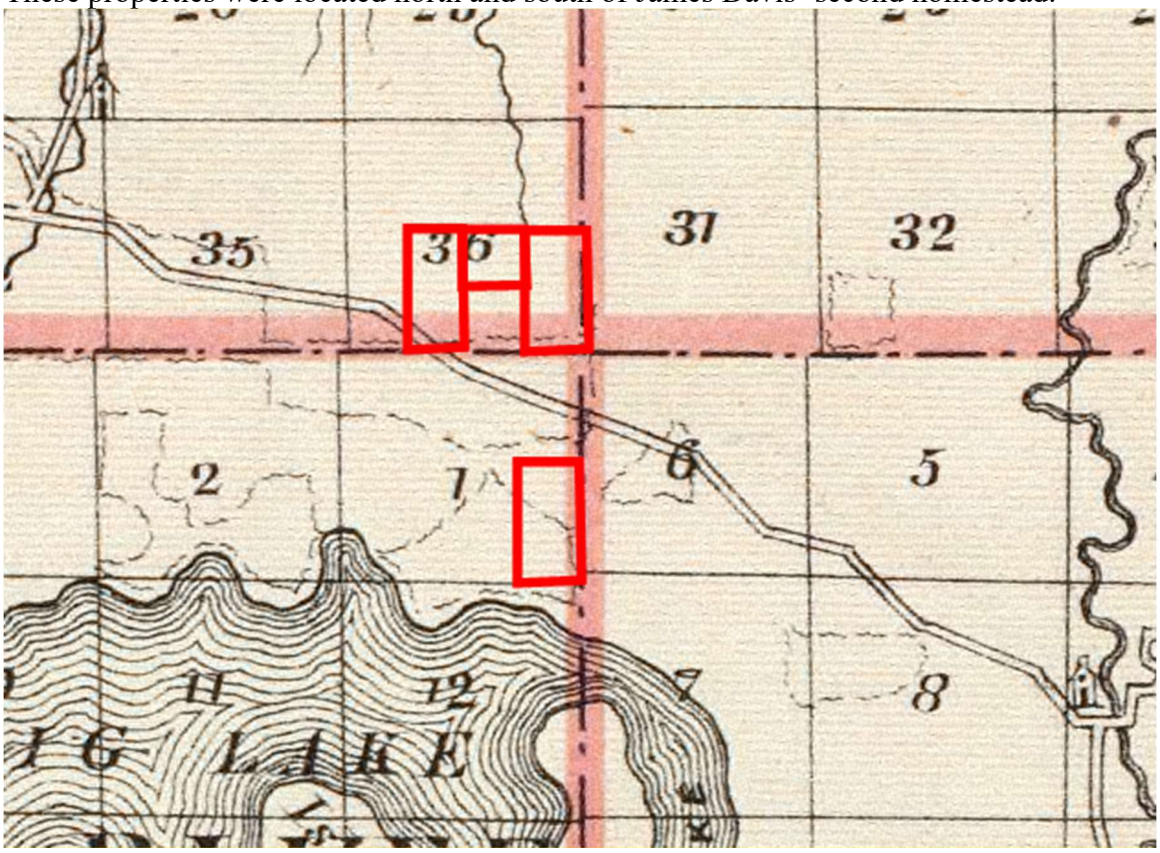
[137] *General Land Office Records, Patents, Illinois, Jackson County*, Accession #CV-0095-362.
[138] *Jackson County, Illinois, Meetings of County Court and Jury Lists: 1823-1841, Part II* by John W. D. Wright (Aug 1981), pages 23, 26, 27 and 35.
[139] *Jackson County, Illinois, Meetings of County Court and Jury Lists: 1823-1841, Part I* by John W. D. Wright (Aug 1981), page 49.
[140] *Jackson County, Illinois, Meetings of County Court and Jury Lists: 1823-1841, Part I* by John W. D. Wright (Aug 1981), page 69.
[141] *Jackson County, Illinois Deeds, Book F*, page 158.
[142] *Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763-1900* (database) by Illinois Secretary of State, accessed Oct 2014.
[143] *Government Land Office Records*, Accession # IL1590_.463.

- The NW ¼ SE ¼ of Section 36, T8S, R4W.
- The E ½ SE ¼ of Section 36, T8S, R4W.
- The E ½ SE ¼ of Section 1, T9S, R4W.

These properties were located north and south of James Davis' second homestead.



The 1860 Census still finds Thomas and Elizabeth together, and this time they are living in T7S, R4W, which is in Bradley Township, in the far northwestern corner of Jackson County. Their household includes children Thomas (age 15), Willis (age 8) and Olivia (age 8).

The 1865 Illinois State Census shows the household of T. Davis living in Kinkaid Township (which is located immediately south of Bradley Township). His household included one male and one female aged 50 to 60 years old, and two males and one female aged 10 to 20 years old.[144]

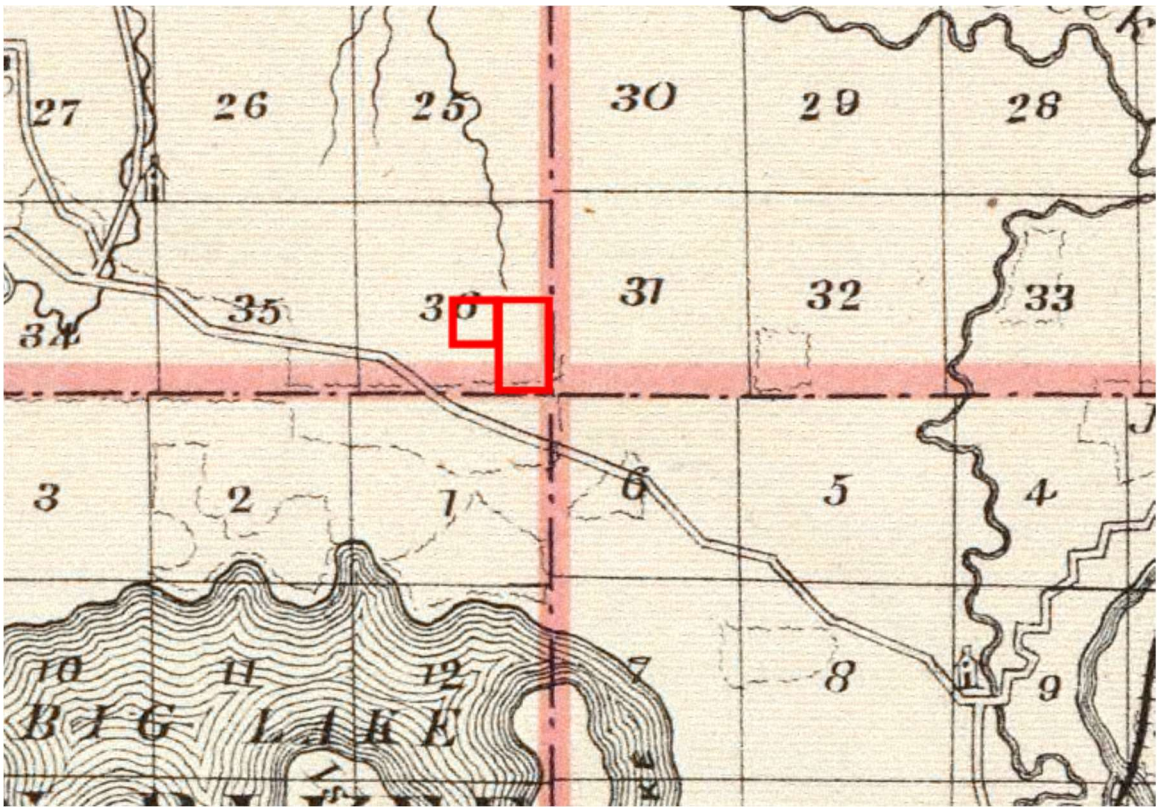
In the 1870 Census for Kinkaid Township, Thomas and Elizabeth are found with Willis (age 20) and Olive (age 16), plus 12-year-old Talitha Glenn, the granddaughter of his sister Alice (Davis) Glenn. This Census was the only source that listed a middle initial for Thomas: G.

[144] *Illinois, State Census Collection, 1825-1865* by Ancestry.com (2008).

Thomas died on 4 Feb 1878. In his probate file is found a petition to sell real estate that was presented at the Apr 1880 term of the Jackson County Probate Court. It states that he died "seized in fee of certain real estate in said county," which properties are described as follows (the first two were some of the properties that he patented in 1856):[145]

- The E ½ SE ¼ of Section 36, T8S, R4W [valued at $179].
- The NW ¼ SE ¼ of Section 36, T8S, R4W [valued at $89].
- The SE ¼ NE ¼ and the NE ¼ SE ¼ and the E "side" NW ¼ SE ¼ of Section 3, T8S, R4W. This particular property was encumbered by a deed of trust to William C. Davis and was estimated to be worth around $1,000.

The top two properties, which Thomas had patented in 1856, are shown on the map below, thus there is no doubt he was the same Thomas Davis who had been gifted land by James Davis. The third property was located a little bit west of due north, about 5 or 6 miles away (this was likely where he had lived during the 1865 Census).



1876 map showing two properties of Thomas Davis that were listed in a petition to sell real estate from his estate.

The petition included the names of his heirs at the time of this death:

1. **Thomas Davis, Junior**, a grandchild, the son of **James Davis**. It is noted in the probate file that this **Thomas** had died before the final settlement of his grandfather's estate.

[145] *Jackson County, Illinois Probates, Division A, Box 17*, file 661.

2. **Thomas J. Davis**, who had died prior to the estate being settled, leaving **Caroline Davis** and **Matilda Davis** as his only children and heirs-at-law.
3. **Willis C. Davis**.
4. **Olive** (**Davis**) **Pyron**.

As mentioned earlier, William C. Davis, Senior (the grandson of Amos Davis) posted a $600 bond to act as administrator of Thomas' estate, describing himself as a "distant relative." This was likely William Carol Davis, son of Willis Davis, which would make him a second cousin, once removed.

Descendants of Thomas G. Davis

Census records include additional children who were not mentioned and did not leave any heirs, suggesting that they almost certainly didn't survived long enough to have families of their own. Thus, the known children of **Thomas G. Davis** by his first wife (name unknown) were:

1. **JAMES DAVIS**, b. about 1841, d. before 1878. He married **Matilda Jane Henson**, and they had one child together
    a. **Thomas Davis**, b. about 1855, died about 1878.
2. **DELILAH DAVIS**, b. about 1836. She died without leaving any heirs.
3. **HARRIET DAVIS**, b. about 1840. She died without leaving any heirs.
4. **THOMAS JEFFERSON DAVIS** was born about 1842 in Jackson County, Illinois, and died there on 15 Jan 1879. He married first **Sarah Adaline Hanks** on 15 Sep 1861, and they divorced on 8 Oct 1868.[146] They had the following children:
    a. **Caroline Mary Davis**, b. 18 Aug 1864, d. 6 Nov 1933 in East St Louis, St Clair County, Illinois.[147] She married first **Alfred Sheldon Wiggins** on 1 Nov 1882 in Jackson County, Illinois and they had eleven children together. Late in her life she married **George Rasdall**.
        i. **Charles Wiggins**, b. 23 Jul 1883, d. 22 Dec 1962. He married **Esmerelda Louise McPherson** on 9 Jan 1909 in the Panama Canal Zone. They adopted a daughter, **Virginia**.
        ii. **William Otis Wiggins**, b. 4 Mar 1885, d. 23 Apr 1957. He married **Donal May Dunham** on 5 Oct 1924. They had several children together:
            1. **Marvin Teal Wiggins**, b. & Jan 1926, d. 15 Jun 1989. He married **Carolyn Emalee Barker**, and they had four children together.
            2. **Cylde Bernard Wiggins**, b. 10 May 1927, d. 7 May 2004. He married **Gertrude "Trudi" Obert** 10 Jul 1948 in Heidelburg, Germany. They had two sons together.
            3. **Floyd Alfred Wiggins**, b. 1 Jun 1928, d. 6 Jan 1988. He married **Mary Catherine Toon** on 31 May 1958. They had no children.
            4. **Robert Donal Wiggins**, b. 14 Oct 1937, d. 14 Oct 1937.
            5. **Melvina Eileen Wiggins**, b. 5 Jul 1940. She married **Ralph Kuykendall** on 7 Jan 1961. They had one daughter.
            6. **Donal May Wiggins**, b. 2 Oct 1944, d. 2 Oct 1944.
            7. **Richard Mace Wiggins**, b. 2 Oct 1944, d. 2 Oct 1944.
        iii. **Fred Ernest Wiggins**, b. 3 Aug 1887, d. 27 Jun 1974. He married first **Beulah L. Fisher** on 25 Jan 1920. They had one daughter:
            1. **Ethel Marie Wiggins**, b. 26 Feb 1920, d. 9 Feb 1996. She married first **Mitchell M. Bishop** on 2 Feb 1937 and they

[146] *Jackson County, Illinois Circuit Court Files, Box 19*, file 979. Sarah had walked on Thomas on 18 Jul 1866, vowing never to return.
[147] *State of Illinois, Standard Certificate of Death Certificate*, Registration Dist 856, Primary Dist 3647, Registered No. 719 (? Difficult to read ink stamp).

had one son together. She next married **Joseph Carl Suell** on 8 Jan 1940, and married third **Joseph Edwin Harrod** on 18 Apr 1958.

He next married **Inez Clubb** around 1922. They had one daughter:

2. **Ellene Dorothy Wiggins**, b. 31 Jan 1923, d. 9 Feb 1999. She one daughter in 1941 (possibly by a **Mr. Hunter**). She married **Alvin Louis Ogle** on 16 Aug 1947. He was a distant cousin of hers – they shared the same fourth great grandfather. She was married also to **Joseph Blum**, a **Mr. Armstrong** and a **Mr. Blankenship**. The order of these marriages is not known.

He married third **M. Iva LaFollette** around 1925 and they divorced on 18 Aug 1953. They had two daughters together:

3. **Ona Margaret Wiggins**, b. 27 Apr 1929, d. 16 Aug 1954. She married **Henry Jackson Bohannon**. They had two sons.
4. **Eva Lavin Wiggins**, b. 9 May 1931, d. 14 Aug 1935.

He married fourth **Cordia Cawley** on 7 Jun 1956, and fifth, **Myrtle May Lee**. There were no children by these two marriages.

iv. **Wilbert Murray "Wib" Wiggins**, b. 2 Mar 1889, d. 12 Jan 1973. He was a lifelong bachelor.

v. **Herdie Ross Wiggins**, b. 27 Feb 1892, d. 21 Oct 1985. He married **Elizabeth Marie Harper** on 7 Jul 1919. They had two sons.

vi. **Eva Pearl Wiggins**, b. 30 Oct 1894, d. 15 Aug 1999. She married **Paul Edward Malone** on 1 May 1916. They had eight children:

1. **Eathel Pauline "Pat" Malone**, b. 6 Apr 1917, d. 4 May 2014. She married **Harry Franklin Waltman** on 18 Apr 1936. They had one son together.
2. **Ethel Malone**, b. 8 Apr 1918, d. 8 Apr 1918.
3. **Frieda Edna Malone**, b. 19 Apr 1919, d. 28 Jun 1941. She married **Kenneth Dawson Ricks** on 29 Jun 1940, and died just before her fist wedding anniversary.
4. **Wilbert Alfred Malone**, b. 15 May 1921, d. 27 May 1921.
5. **Edmond William Malone**, b. 15 May 1921, d. 28 May 1921.
6. **Paul Elmar Malone**, b. 26 Jul 1922, d. 20 Nov 1980. He married **Mary Ellen Adams** on 22 May 1943. They had four children.
7. **Ralph Merle Malone**, b. 27 May 1928, d. 31 Dec 1928.
8. **Charles Lynn Malone**, b. 23 Jul 1932, d. 30 Aug 1933.

vii. **Grover Wiggins**, b. 22 Sep 1896, d. Dec 1896.

viii. **Earl "Jack" Wiggins**, b. 24 Sep 1900, d. 16 Aug 1980. He married **Marian Fraley** on 15 May 1933. They had five children:

1. **Elizabeth Caroline Wiggins**, b. 19 Feb 1934. She first married **Albert Kimble, Jr**. on 6 Jul 1951, and they had

five children together. She married second **Carl Lee Haskins**, and they had two children together.

2. **Earl Albert Wiggins**, b. 3 Oct 1938. He married **Charlotte Brandenburg** and they had one daughter.
3. **Billy Ray Wiggins**, b. 31 Aug 1940. He married first **Carol Sue Hughes** and they had a son together. He married second **Doris Joann Clarquire** on 17 Nov 1962, and they had one daughter together. He married third **Naomi Louise Raines** on 22 Sep 1967, and they had three children together.
4. **Paul Wilbert Wiggins**, b. 25 Feb 1943, d. 21 Mar 2007. He married **Minnie Marie Coon** on 16 Jun 1968. They had no children. He married second **Norma J. Johnson**, and they had two children.
5. **James Benny Wiggins**, b. 5 Dec 1944. He married **Paula Lynn Ashley** on 12 Sep 1965, and they had four sons and one daughter together.

ix. **Murphy Ray "Mike" Wiggins**, b. 17 Jan 1903, d. 19 Jan 2000. Rather late in life he married **Mildred Fay Hinkle** (on 4 Aug 1951). She had several children by a previous marriage, but none by Murphy.

x. **Emma Matilda Wiggins**, b. 17 Mar 1904, d. 9 Dec 1950. She was married several times, though the order of the marriages is not known: **Charles Cooper**, **Carl Parks**, **John Sturdivant** and **Martin Luther McCall**. She had no children.

xi. **Grace Myrtle Wiggins**, b. 6 Nov 1906, d. 8 Aug 1952. She married **Albert Walter Woolen** on 6 Nov 1926, and they had one son:

1. **Elmer Virgil Woolen**, b. 14 Jan 1928, d. 20 Dec 1989. He married **Virginia Dortha Phipps** on 16 Mar 1951. They had six children together.

b. **Matilda Davis**, b. about 1867, d. 26 Aug 1868. She married first **Andrew Lafferty** on 10 May 1885 in Pemiscot County, Missouri. She married second **F. G. Landan**, same place, and third **George T. Terrett**, also same place. All children were by the first marriage:[148]

i. **Mary Alice Lafferty**, b. 6 Apr 1884, d. 1 Jan 1959. She married **Richard Smith** on 9 Feb 1902 in Pemiscot County, Missouri. They had no children.

ii. **Olivia Lafferty**, b. Jul 1886.

iii. **Sallie Adline Lafferty**, b. 61913 Oct 1887, d. Aug 1967. She married **George Fay Harris** on 21 Dec in Pemiscot County, Missouri.

[148] *The Democrat-Argus (Caruthersville, Missouri), Old Series No. 32, New Series No. 1090, Friday, 3 Jun 1910*, page 4, column 4, legal notice of suit by Matilda Terrett against her children, apparently to get clear title to a particular property.

1. **Rachel Marie Harris**, b. 23 Sep 1914, d. May 1990. She married **Herbert Hadley Henderson** on 8 Mar 1931 in Dunklin County, Missouri.
    a. **Marlene Marie Henderson**, b. 10 Aug 1933. She married **John Richard Ellis** on 2 Jan 1951 in Piggott County, Arkansas.
    b. **Glenna Ann Henderson**, b. 5 Aug 1936, d. 22 May 2006. She married several times.
2. **Eva Reaper Harris**, b. 3 Jan 1916, d. Dec 1975. She married **John Dewey Smith** on 26 Nov 1933 in New Madrid County, Missouri.
    a. **Morris Bowman Smith**, b. 26 Jul 1936, d. 2 Nov 2006.
    b. **Myron Dewey Smith**, b. 10 Jul 1944, d. 6 Feb 2020.
3. **Dorothy Faye Harris**, b. 16 Mar 1918, d. 4 Jun 1992. She married **Robert Moore Rushing** on 6 Jan 1939, and married at least two other times. There was one daughter by the first marriage.
    a. **Gerri Marina Rushing Pool**, b. 13 Dec 1934, d. 11 Dec 2015.
4. **Orell Sibert Harris**, b. 8 Mar 1920, d. 11 May 2000. He married **Mary Ann Lester** on 28 Mary 1848 in New Madrid County, Missouri.
5. **Ray Eugene Harris**, b. 26 Jan 1924, d. Nov 1980. He married **Wanda Gene Eiceman** on 12 Aug 1950 in Clay County, Arkansas.

iv. **Bowman Lafferty**, b. 8 Oct 1889, d. 10 Jan 1960. He married **Effie Evri Jackson** on 23 Mar 1911 in Pemiscot County, Missouri. He had one son by an unknown wife:
1. **Otis J. Lafferty**, b. 7 Feb 1919, d. 12 Jun 1986.

v. **Ollie Lafferty**, b. 23 Mar 1896, d. Dec 1972. He married **Lois Edith Babb**.
1. **Tilda Marie Lafferty**, b. 16 Mar 1931, d. 27 Mar 1931.
2. **Huston Adam Lafferty**, b. 18 Jan 1934, d. 18 Jun 2000. He married **Ruth Smith** on 12 Mar 1955 in Pemiscot County, Missouri.

vi. **Eva Lafferty**, b. 1902.

THOMAS JEFFERSON DAVIS married third **Sirena Madora Wells** on 25 Apr 1876 in Jackson County, Illinois. They had one daughter together:

c. **Elnora [Davis] Clem**, b. Oct 1879 in Jackson County, Illinois, d. 17 Jun 1910 in Percy, Randolph County, Illinois. After her father's death, her mother married **Jacob C. Clem** and she assumed his surname. She married **Harry Lafayette Stroud** and they had no children together.

There are no known children by Thomas' second marriage, to **Fidelia Bilderback**.
The known children by his third marriage, to **Mary Elizabeth (Cornman) Hall**, were:

5. **WILLIS C. DAVIS**. He married **Mary Jane Smith** on 6 Jan 1873 in Jackson County, Illinois. They had at least three children together:
    a. **Emma Davis**, b. 16 Apr 1875, d. 1 Jul 1876.
    b. **George Davis**, b. 15 Mar 1880, d. 26 Oct 1891.
    c. **Leeta Davis**, b. 9 Nov 1881, Jan 1979. She married **Hillery Sanford Kane** in 1899 in Jackson County, Illinois. They had at least one daughter together:
        i. **Mildred I. Kane**, b. about 1905.
6. **OLIVE M. "OLLIE" DAVIS**. She married **Lloyd Pyron** on 28 Dec 1871 in Jackson County, Illinois. Her mother's will, dated 6 May 1887, left everything to Olive because of the care that she had provided during her life.[149] They had at least seven children together:
    a. **William Pyron**, b. 1 Nov 1872, d. 4 Feb 1938 in St. Louis, Missouri. He married **Dora Ellen Qualls**, and they had two children together.
        i. **Ira William Pyron, Sr.**, b. 19 May 1896, d. 11 Mar 1983. She married **Mildred Louise Wilkison**. They had one son:
            1. **Ira William Pyron, Jr.**, b. 1 Sep 1927.
        ii. **Edna Iris Ruth Pyron**, b. 7 Sep 1901, d. 20 Aug 1992. She married **Frank H. Sandry**.
    b. **Walter Pyron**, b. Nov 1879.
    c. **Ciddie Pyron**, b. 31 Dec 1880, d. 1 Mar 1884.
    d. **Lura Pyron**, b. 22 Aug 1885, d. 3 Aug 1921 in Cora City, Jackson County, Illinois. She married **Rufus Abner Johnston** on 12 Apr 1902 . They had at least four children together.
        i. **Earl Kenneth Johnston**, b. 24 Nov 1904, d. 24 Nov 1918.
        ii. **Murray Lloyd Johnston, Sr.**, b. 3 Dec 1905, d. 18 Dec 1992. He married **Nancy Laura Perry**, and they had three children:
            1. **Mildred Johnston**, b. about 1937. She married **Mr. Jones**.
            2. **Murray Lloyd Johnston, Jr.**, b. 25 May 1940, d. 17 Aug 2012. He married **Jewell Ann Whittenburg**, and they had two sons.
            3. **Carol E. Johnston**, b. about 1946. She married **Wayne T. Crocket**.
        iii. **Walter Albert Johnston**, b. 4 Jan 1908, d. 2 Aug 1937.
        iv. **Minnie Marie Johnston**, b. 2 Mar 1913, d. 17 Jan 1980. She married **William Randolph Strong**.
    e. **Minnie Pyron**, b. Feb 1886.
    f. **Maud Pyron**, b. Jun 1888, d. 1962. She married **Edwin C. A. Freeman** in 1907, and they had at least one daughter together.
        i. **Frieda Belle Freeman**, b. 221 Feb 1909 d. 3 Feb 1982. She married **Wilbur Barnard, Sr.** They had two children:
            1. **Wilbur Barnard, Jr.**, b. 21 May 1933, d. 2 Oct 2009. He married **Betty Franke**, and they had at least two children together.

[149] *Jackson County, Illinois Probates, Division A, Box 19*, file 729.

2. **Evelyn Marie Barnard**, b. May 1937, d. 26 Sep 2009. She married **Joseph Michael Fisko III**.

g. **Sarah E. "Bessie" Pyron**, b. 29 Jul 1890, d. 25 Oct 1981. She married **Edward Roy Wofford** and they had at least one child together.

i. **Thelma R. Wofford**, b. about 1914.

Patsy (Davis) Henson Walker

About 1816, Patsy Davis married Marvil (or Marble) Henson, son of Allen Henson of Big Hill Township.[150] Since Aaron Davis had lived in Big Hill Township, circumstantially it would seem most likely that she was Aaron's daughter, and Marville Henson was listed fourteen households before Aaron's in the 1820 Census. But Patsy lived at least a decade longer than Aaron Davis and is not a party to the distribution of his estate, so she was definitely not his daughter.

Just two years prior to her marriage, in the 1818 Illinois Census, James Davis was living next to Aaron Davis in Big Hill Township. The 1820 Census shows that Marvel Henson did not have any children born before then, and he is not found in the 1818 State Census, suggesting their marriage might actually have taken place after 1818.

The last clear record of "Marble" Henson was on 30 Jun 1827, when he acquired 20 acres of land in Section 18 near Grand Tower from Thomas Morrow.[151] He is not found in the 1830 Census, suggesting that he had died between these two dates.

Various sources of indeterminate origin[152] state that Marvel and Patsy (Davis) Henson were the parents of Bernice [Henson] Parmly, who was married on 6 Oct 1836 in Union County, Illinois. And one source states that Benjamin Walker was her stepfather at the time of her marriage.[153] A published biographical account of her son N. B. Parmly states that she married at age 14, which would put her year of birth at 1822.[154] But that account does not mention her mother's name and claims that her father was "Jesse Henson, who was an early settler in Jackson County, and who made quite a good property by stock-raising near Grand Tower, Jackson County." It would be required to resolve this apparent contradiction in the parentage of Bernice Henson in order to establish as fact that Bernice was the daughter of Marvil and Patsy. Doing so is well outside the scope of this book, so I leave it for other researchers to sort out.

Purlee (Henson) Lindsey was another alleged daughter of Marvil and Patsy. She was born in Feb 1824. The following, provided by Isadore Lindsay, who was born around 1850 and likely had firsthand knowledge of these four individuals, offers a few clues about her and her relations:[155]

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[150] *History of Jackson County, Illinois* by Brink, McDonough & Company (1878), page 118.
[151] *Illinois, Jackson County, Deeds, Book D,* pages 214-216. Originally recorded *Book B*, page 378 on 5 Jul 1827. FHL microfilm #008116135, image 139 of 678.
[152] *Sinks: A Family History* by John Douglas Sinks and Karen Mirinda Cain (1980), page 172; *A Genealogy of the Descendants of William Kelsey who Settled at… Generations 7 thru 13 (Volume 5)* by Edward A. Claypool, Azalea Clizbee and Elias Isbell Kelsey (1983), page 39.
[153] Union County, Illinois Marriage Records, 1818-1868 by Darrel Dexter and Mary Ann King (1993), page 15. Isadore
[154] *History of Alexander, Union and Pulaski Counties, Illinois* by William Henry Perrin (1883), Part V, page 138.
[155] *Genealogytrails.com/ill/Jackson/biojohntanner.htm#lindsay, Lindsay Family History* by Isadore Lindsay of Mine La Motte, Missouri on 18 Jan 1936. Accessed 25 Mar 2023.

> *"Now I will tell you about the 4th son, Caleb [Lindsey], (Caleb was born in Green County, Kentucky in 1817. He married Perlee Walker, or Henson. I think Mr. Reese [Reason] Walker and John and Ben Walker were her half brothers."*

When Perlee was married, consent was given by Benjamin Walker, her stepfather, who also stated that consent was given by her mother and guardian (it was worded to suggest these were two different people).[156] This record corroborates the above account (which adds the name of the father of her three half-brothers).

Benjamin G. Walker made a land entry on 13 Dec 1836 for the SE ¼ NW ¼ of Section 8, Township 11 South, Range 2 West in Union County, Illinois. He is found there in the 1840 Census, where he and his spouse were between the ages of 30 and 39 years. His household included 8 sons and 2 daughters, all under 10 years of age.

On 6 Dec 1840, Benjamin G. Walker and Martha his wife sold to Caleb Lindsey, Jr for $16.50 an undivided one third interest in SW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 10, Township 10 South, Range 2 West in Jackson County, Illinois, which was the same property for which the land entry was made by Benjamin Walker on 24 Sep 1814.[157] That implies that the latter Benjamin was the father of Benjamin G. Walker, and that there were two other heirs to his father's estate. There is record of the elder Benjamin's death on 1 Jul 1839, but the scant probate file for his estate provides no useful details other than the name of his executor, James Harrold (possibly a son-in-law).[158]

The above properties in Union County and Jackson County were located due north-south of each other and were about six miles apart.

On 16 Dec 1840, Benjamin G. Walker and Martha his wife sold to Hugh W. Craig for $150 the property upon which Ben had made a land entry in 1836.[159] This is the last known record for either Benjamin or Patsy.

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[156] Photocopy of the original marriage consent from Union County, Illinois, provided in an e-mail from LeAnn Clark dated 4 Apr 2023. This consent was not found in two microfilms of Union County marriage consents found at the Family History Library on that date.
[157] *Illinois, Jackson County, Deeds, Book D*, page 397, originally recorded in *Book D*, page 145. *FHL Microfilm #008116135*, image 232 of 678.
[158] *Illinois*, *Jackson County, Probate Case Files, Division A, Box 70*, file 2629.
[159] *Illinois, Union County, Deeds, Book 8*, page 139, *FHL Microfilm #008203202*, image 407 of 609.

Conclusion

There is no direct evidence of Patsy Davis' father, though a sparse population and basic logic appears to limit the possibilities to just one man – James Davis.

There is no direct evidence that Patsy Davis was the mother of either Bernice or Purlee Henson.

There is no direct evidence that Patsy Davis had married Benjamin G. Walker, though there are two deeds that state that in 1840 his wife's name was Martha, so that is plausible.

There is clear evidence that Bernice Henson and Purlee Henson were half-siblings of Reason Walker, John Walker and Ben Walker.

There is a firm belief among descendants that Patsy Davis had married both Marvel Henson and a Walker (either John or William). She is also believed, with no direct evidence, to have been the mother of Bernice and Purlee Henson, and there is direct evidence that their stepfather in 1836 and 1840 was Benjamin G. Walker.

Taken together, and in light of the 1843 Jackson County courthouse fire, the available facts point strongly to the above beliefs being accurate. To bolster those beliefs, there is ample autosomal DNA evidence that Bernice and Purlee were Patsy's daughters, as their descendants do share distant matches with others who descend from James, Aaron and Amos Davis, and their Davis ancestors from Moore County, North Carolina.

Descendants of Patsy (Davis) Henson Walker

1. **BERNICE HENSON**, b. 1822, d. after 1860. She married **John Parmly** on 5 Oct 1836 in Union County, Illinois.
    a. **Martha Jane Parmly**, b. 15 Jul 1838, d. 16 Oct 1923. She married first **Jeremiah Wilkins** on 21 Mar 1855. She married second **Anderson G. Mitchell** on 28 Mar 1869. She married third **Robert E. Seeley** on 30 Oct 1870. All marriages were in Union County, Illinois.
    b. **Elizabeth Ann Parmly**, b. 1840, d. 1865. She married **Benjamin Franklin Biggs** on 1 Nov 1860 in Union County, Illinois.
    c. **Andrew Jackson Parmly**, b. 4 Nov 1846, 2 Feb 1918. He married **Gertrude A. Freeman** on 23 Mar 1876.
    d. **William L. Parmly**, b. 18 Dec 1852, d. 18 Jan 1899. He married **Frances E. Winstead** on 3 Aug 1873 in Union County, Illinois.
    e. **Napoleon Bonapart Parmley**, b. 11 Oct 1856, d. 3 Dec 1829. He married first **Manvera Tweedy** on 17 Mar 1877. He married second **Lucy E. Anderson** on 21 Jul 1880. He married third **Mrs. Addie Conkling** on 3 May 1892. He married fourth **Essie A. Perkins** on 30 Jul 1900. All marriages were in Union County, Illinois.
    f. **Lucinda Parmly**, b. 1858.
    g. **Bertie Parmly**, b. 1860.
2. **PURLEE HENSON**, b. Feb 1824, d. after 1900. She married **Caleb Lindsey, Junior** on 14 May 1850 in Union County, Illinois.
    a. **Joshua Lindsey**, b. 22 Sep 1842, d. 14 Dec 1901. He married **Mary Ellen Clough** on 9 Oct 1864 in Jackson County, Illinois.
    b. **Martha Jane Lindsey**, b. 26 Mar 1844, d. 31 Dec 1919. She married **Andrew Jackson Ballew** on 9 Dec 1866 in Jackson County, Illinois.
    c. **Marvel Monroe Harrel Lindsey**, b. 9 Oct 1846, d. 7 Mar 1899. He married **Susan Elizabeth King** on 5 Aug 1869 in Jackson County, Illinois.
    d. **James Lindsey**, b. 24 Apr 1848, d. 21 Aug 1881. He married **Nancy J. Jones** on 30 Dec 1871 in Jackson County, Illinois.
    e. **Rebecca Lindsey**, b. 20 Jul 1850, 20 mar 1860.
    f. **John Calvin Lindsey**, b. 1853, d. 1882.
    g. **William Lindsey**, b. 13 Feb 1856, d. 7 Feb 1938. He married **Cornelia Belle Freeman** on 10 Sep 1884 in Union County, Illinois.
    h. **Elisha L. Lindsey**, b. 28 Mar 1858, 26 Apr 1924. He married **Laura Stewart** on 17 Nov 1891 in Jackson County, Illinois.
    i. **Willis Aaron Lindsey**, b. 9 Aug 1862, d. 29 Jan 1934. He married **Nellie Jane Wisdom** on 9 Oct 1884 in Jackson County, Illinois.
    j. **Lydia Louise Lindsey**, b. 3 Nov 1866, d. 18 Jan 1935. She married **Cyrus Sylvester Freeman** on 6 Apr 1884 in Union County, Illinois.
3. **REASON WALKER**, b. 25 Jan 1830, d. 13 Feb 1921. He married **Elizabeth Tope** on 25 Dec 1851 in Jackson County, Illinois.
    a. **George Washington Walker**, b. 2 Nov 1855, d. 1922. He married **Mary Elizabeth Short** on 6 Jan 1878 in Chautauqua County, Kansas.
    b. **Emily May Walker**, b. 1857.

c. **Margaret Ellen Walker**, b. Nov 1857, d. 1950. She married **Evan S. Griffith** on 26 May 1889 in Chautauqua County, Kansas.
d. **Lucinda Catherine Walker**, b. Jun 1861. She married first **Henry Anjal** on 1 Aug 1886 in Chautauqua County, Kansas. She married second **Charles M. Ellis** on 30 May 1900, also in the same county.
e. **John William Walker**, b. 20 Apr 1862, d. 23 Nov 1941. He married **Laura Belle Pearson** on 18 Mar 1888 in Chautauqua County, Kansas.
f. **Mary Easter Walker**, b. 30 Mar 1866, d. 14 Aug 1956. She married first **Herman Reece Martin** on 30 Mar 1884 in Chautauqua County, Kansas. She later married **Mr. Teague**.
g. **James Madison Walker**, b. 13 Feb 1867. He married **Delilah C. Jordan** on 25 Nov 1897 in Alfalfa County, Oklahoma.
h. **Delila Anna Walker**, b. 26 Mar 1871, d. 28 Oct 1951. She married **Frank Furman** on 9 May 1887 in Chautauqua County, Kansas.
i. **Nancy Bell Walker**, b. 21 Jul 1873, d. 12 Feb 1961. She married **Homer Milem Hill** around 1895.
j. **Martha Isabell Walker**, b. 25 Jul 1878, d. Dec 1973. She married **William Henry Merrell** around 1905.

4. **JOHN WALKER**, b. 1839, d. 1876. He married **Emily Eveline Aldridge** on 22 Jul 1858 in Union County, Illinois.
    a. **Mary Katherine Walker**, b. 9 Sep 1861, d. 11 Apr 1942. She married **John Harper** on 17 Aug 1880 in Union County, Illinois.
    b. **Nancy Walker**, b. 1863.
    c. **Daxidy A. Walker**, b. 1865.
    d. **Mahulda Ellen Walker**, b. 14 Feb 1869, d. 6 Jun 1935. She married **James E. Cuberly** on 22 Apr 1888 in Jackson County, Illinois.
    e. **Lewis August Walker**, b. 11 Nov 1872, d. 2 Feb 1938. He married twice, but had no children.
5. **BEN WALKER**.

Alice (Davis) Glenn

Alice is a puzzle that takes some effort to unpack, starting with learning a bit about her husband's family.

Thomas and Isaac Glenn had served in Captain William Boone's Company of Rangers during the War of 1812, as had James' son Ralph Davis.[160]

The land entries of Robert Glenn in 1817 and his son Isaac Glen in 1818 were just north along the road where James Davis' second homestead was located. Robert's son William Ewing Glenn had a patent (issued 1817) that was nearer to James' first homestead. When James moved up to Elk Prairie, in 1831 Thomas Glenn became a close neighbor. Both William Ewing Glenn and Isaac Glenn were both too young to have been Thomas' father, thus it is nearly certain that he was a younger son of Robert Glenn. By the way, William Ewing Glenn moved to Missouri after 1817, selling his interest in his property to Shadrach Massey (father-in-law of Thomas Davis) when he did so.[161]

What does all this have to do with Alice Davis? The license for her daughter Mary to wed Elisha Adams on 11 Mar 1886 states that she was Mary ("Lain") Woolrick, age 56, who was born 1830 in Elk Prairie, Illinois.[162] It states that her parents were Thomas Lain and Alice Davis. Descendants believe the license is incorrect and that her maiden name was actually Glenn, not Lain. And there is no record of any Lain's living in that area in 1830, yet we know that Thomas Glenn received a patent there in 1831.

Mary Glenn had been the widow of Leonard Woolrick, whom she had married on 2 Jun 1853 in Jackson County, Illinois. At the time she was Mrs. Mary Massey, the widow of Samuel Massey, who was the son of Shadrach Massey. That suggests a relationship between Thomas Davis and Alice (Davis) Glenn, who were of similar age. The Masseys, Glenns and Davises all lived with a few miles of one another on the road to Kaskaskia at foot of the bluffs by the Mississippi River.

The 1850 Census states that Mary was actually born about 1826, which suggests she likely was married shortly before the courthouse burned down in 1843. She and her husband were living next door to Thomas G. Davis in that Census. A couple of households away was Cyrus Massey's young family, yet another son of Shadrach Massey.

With Mary Glenn being born around 1826, she is a potential match to a female in James Davis' 1840 Census household. She was likely the daughter of the 30-to-39 year old female (possibly her widowed mother Alice) and a younger sister born between 1830 and 1835.

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[160] *Abstracts of Early Land Records of Jackson County, Illinois* by Steve Malone (2024), page C-9.
[161] Illinois Secretary of State, *Public Domain Land Tract Sales Database*.
[162] *Illinois, Jackson County, Marriage Register, Book 1, 1878-1890*, page 153, *FHL microfilm #004708067*, image 160 of 607.

The only Census in which Thomas Glenn appears was in 1820, where his household included a male and female aged 16-25, and one male under age 10. He is not found in the 1830 Census, but on 23 Nov 1831, he made a land entry for the E ½ SE ¼ of Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 1 West, to which he received a patent on 13 Nov 1833.[163] In 1835, Madison Speer received an adjacent patent. He was a son-in-law of William Davis, whose daughter Sallie was Madison's wife. And in the 1850s, William[164] and his son Aaron[165] also received patents in the same Section (and William had patented land in the Section to the west in 1834). Clearly, William Davis was Thomas Glenn's brother-in-law.

In the 1870 Census record of Thomas G. Davis is found Talitha Glenn, the orphan of Elias Glenn (believed to have been Alice's son), who died on 29 Oct 1863. Talitha was Alice (Davis) Glenn's granddaughter.

Elias Glenn had moved to Perry County, Missouri by 1840, where he married a widow and had two daughters by her. After she died, he moved back to Jackson County and on 2 Dec 1858 married Mary Austin, the daughter of Willis Davis' half-brother John E. Austin. The 1850 Census states that Elias was born in Illinois in 1820, and is likely the son shown in Thomas Glenn's 1820 Census household.

[163] *General Land Office Records, Patents*, Accession #IL0010_.417.
[164] *General Land Office Records, Patents*, Accession #MW-0785-278, a military warrant for his service as a private in Captain Alexander's Company Illinois Militia.
[165] *General Land Office Records, Patents*, Accession #IL1550_.246.

Descendants of Alice (Davis) Glenn

The following is likely an incomplete list of the children of Thomas and Alice (Davis) Glenn.

1. **ELIAS GLENN**, b. 1819, d. 29 Oct 1863. He married **Mrs. Mary Ann (Hardesty) Fleming** on 20 Aug 1840 in Perry County, Missouri. They had two sons. He next married **Mary J. Austin** on 2 Dec 1858 in Jackson County, Illinois. They had two daughters.[166]
    a. **Samuel Thomas Glenn**, b. 1841, d. 23 May 1865 in Little Rock, Arkansas. He married **Lucinda Grace Smith**.
        i. **Thomas Manning Glenn**, b. 29 Jun 1864, d. 3 Mar 1944. He married first **Gertrude Derossett** on 11 Dec 1894 in Jackson County, by whom he had two children. He married next **Cora Jane Ruffin**, and later married **Dorothy Harrison**. There were no children by the latter two wives.
            1. **Henards Glenn**, b. 1896.
            2. **Julia O. Glenn**, b. 30 Oct 1906, d. 21 Jan 1990 in Pinellas County, Florida. She married **Walter T. Peters** and had one son.
                a. **William Thomas Peters**, b. 2 Apr 1926, d. 13 Jul 1977. He married first **Corinne Shirley Donald** and had one son. He married next **Wilda May Williams**, by whom he had four children.
    b. **Elias J. Glenn**, b. 1849.
    c. **Talitha C. Glenn**, b. 1859, d. 1897. She married **John Wilson Ray** on 5 Apr 1877 in Jackson County.
        i. **Ada M. Ray**, b. 1879. She married first **Newton F. Brown** on 7 Jun 1895. She next married **Samuel H. Smith** on 28 Feb 1901 and they had one daughter. Her third marriage was to **Stephen Douglas Crittenden** on 4 Feb 1902. She married last **Ezra Deem** on 3 Feb 1933 in Butler County, Missouri.
            1. **Mabel Ida Ann Smith**, b. 4 Sep 1901, d. 25 Dec 1987. He married **Henry Valentine Braun** on 28 Jan 1918 in Ripley County, Missouri. They had five children. She later married **Jacob William Braschler** and they had no children.
                a. **Ida Mae Braun**, b. 30 Nov 1918, d. 15 Dec 1990.
                b. **Ada Mae Braun**, b. 9 Mar 1920, d. 27 Jul 2009.
                c. **William Henry Braun**, b. 15 Aug 1921, d. 24 May 2010.
                d. **Arthur Braun**, b. 7 Aug 1923, d. 21 Nov 2015.
                e. **Hurman Valentine Braun**, b. 27 Oct 1927, d. 19 Aug 2015.

[166] Ancestry.com's *Illinois, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1772-1999*, *Jackson County, Probate Estate Case Files, File #s 918-945*, image 612 of 1958.

ii. **Ida Rose Ray**, b. May 1879, d. 5 Feb 1955. She married first **Sherman Lipe** on 19 Jan 1895 in Jackson County. She married second **Benona William Benjamin** in Oklahoma. She married third **Duke Andrew Durkee** on 6 Jun 1942 in Perry County, Missouri. There were no children by any of these marriages.

d. **Mary Ann Glenn**, b. 1862.

2. **MARY GLENN**, b. 1826 in Elk Prairie, Illinois, d. after 1886. She married first **Samuel Massey** around 1843. They had one daughter. She married next **Leonard Woolrick** on 4 Oct 1846 in Jackson County. They had at least four children. She married last **Elijah Adams** on 11 Mar 1886.
   a. **Lucinda Massey**, b. 1849.
   b. **Mary Woolrick**, b. 1856.
   c. **Annis Woolrick**, b. 1857.
   d. **Amanda E. Woolrick**, b. 1859. She married first **Victor Glodo** on 21 Dec 1874. She then married **Elijah Bushey** on 16 Aug 1893. The 1900 Census states that she had no children by the latter marriage, and her household did not contain any children by the first marriage.
   e. **Louisa Woolrick**, b. unknown, d. 1862.

Dicey (Davis) Woolrick Mansker

On 23 Feb 1823, Mr. John Woolrick and Miss Dicey Davis were married in Jackson County.[167] And on 4 Mar 1828, "John Mansker and Dice his wife late Dice Woolrick and wife of the said John Woolrick deceased" sold their interest in the W ½ NW ¼ of Section 29, T8S, R4W to William Davis for $10.[168] That property would have been located around the intersection of Illinois State Road 151 (the road to Ava, Illinois) and Illinois State Road 3 (the old road to Kaskaskia), which was a few miles from James Davis' second homestead.

As noted earlier, William Davis was the husband of Catherine Woolrick, the daughter of Peter Woolrick, the apparent progenitor of all the early Woolricks of Jackson County, Illinois. Thus, the deed cited above leaves no doubt that Dicey Davis was William Davis' sister – they were both children of James Davis.

John Mansker was enumerated in the 1830 Census for Randolph County, Illinois. In addition to his wife, he had three children under age 5: two sons and a daughter.

On 9 Sep 1836, John Mansker made a land entry for the SE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 1, Township 9 South, Range 5 West in Jackson County, receiving the patent on 1 Aug 1838.[169] No record of the subsequent sale of this property was found. John's brother-in-law, Thomas Davis, patented an identical property to the north of the same section on the same date.[170] It was also located just a few miles south of John Woolrick's property.

No 1840 Census record for John Mansker was found.

John Mansker married Delila Glenn on 25 Feb 1844 in Jackson County, Illinois, possibly suggesting that Dicey had died by then. It is impossible to tell, since no further trace of John Mansker was found, and no Mansker children were found in the 1850 Census for Jackson County.

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[167] *Early Kaskaskia, Illinois Newspapers, Dec. 10 1814 – July 23, 1832* by Lola Frazer Crowder (Dec 1992), page 63.
[168] *Jackson County, Illinois Deeds, Book D*, page 171.
[169] *Bureau of Land Management, Government Land Office, Patents*, Accession # IL1330_.246.
[170] *Bureau of Land Management, Government Land Office, Patents*, Accession # IL1330_.027.

Ralph Davis

During the War of 1812, Ralph Davis served as a private in Boon's Company.[171]

He married Deborah Garner (daughter of Francis Garner) on 1 Aug 1815 in Randolph County, Illinois Territory.[172]

Francis Garner had testified that he qualified for pre-emption land located in what is currently Jackson County, Illinois, and that land was located in T9S, R2W, which is the same township where James Davis' first homestead was located (which he soon afterward sold to George Creath). And Benningsen Boon[173] noted that Francis Garner, Senior arrived on Big Muddy River around the year 1809.

Ralph is listed as having had an account at the Brownsville Store in 1817-1818.[174]

Ralph is listed in the 1818 Illinois Census, between William F. Garner and Peter Woolrick (the daughter of the latter, Catherine Woolrick, married William Davis, son of James Davis soon after this Census).

In the 1820 Census, Ralph was listed in Saline Township, living near Charles Garner and George Creath (possibly in the vicinity of Murphysboro).

Ralph Davis was appointed as a traverse juror in Dec 1829, for the April 1830 Court term. This is the only mention of him in County Commission records dating up to 1841.[175]

And finally, in the 1830 Census, James Davis, William Davis and Ralph Davis are listed side-by-side, and Francis Garner is three listings below Ralph Davis. In Ralph's household there appears to be one son and four daughters. The oldest son and daughter were between 10 and 14 years of age, which is consistent with Ralph's 1815 marriage to Deborah Garner. All but their youngest daughter would have married prior to the 1842 courthouse fire, meaning that there is no record of them marrying.

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[171] *Illinois Secretary of State, Illinois War of 1812 Veterans Database*, Ralph Davis.
[172] *Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763-1900* (database) by Illinois Secretary of State, accessed Oct 2014.
[173] *Historical Sketches of Jackson County, Illinois* by E. Newsome (1894), page 50.
[174] *Saga of Southern Illinois*, Volume IX, No. 4 (Winter 1982), page 48, Brownsville Store Accounts 1817-18 (Jackson County, Illinois).
[175] *Jackson County, Illinois, Meetings of County Court and Jury Lists: 1823-1841, Part II* by John W. D. Wright (Aug 1981), page 13.

Possible Children?

Alverda Little (1920-2015) is credited with stating that Ralph Davis was a son of James Davis, and that he had at least two children: Bett and Jim. The information further stated that Bett had married Charles Rich, and that Jim had married Hulda Roach.

That tiny snippet of family lore is the closest there is to any direct evidence that Ralph Davis was a son of James Davis. Just how credible is this information?

James (Son of Ralph) Davis

In the 1850 Census for Jackson County, Illinois, there is only one Hulda listed: Hulda Gray, age 21 (which is likely understated). She was living alone with her daughter Mary Ann Gray, age 5. She was the widow of Caleb Parks Gray, whom she had married on 26 Feb 1843 in Jackson County. Her name in that record is reported as Hulda Joiner.

On 30 Jan 1853, James Davis married Hulda Gray in Jackson County. In the 1860 Census there, Mary Ann Gray is living within the household of James Davis. At that time, his wife was Mahala. He had three children, plus Adaline Roach (age 7) was also in the household. Presumably, this was Mahala's child from a previous marriage. So, it could be that James had married Mahala Roach, though there no marriage record was found to confirm this. If Hulda and Mahala have been scrambled, what does that say about Alverda's credibility?

It appears that the James Davis noted in the above Census record was the same James Davis, age 29, listed last in the 1850 Census household of William "Uncle Billy" Davis. He was likely also the James Davis, Junior who witnessed a deed in late 1838 between James Davis and James Henson.[176,177]

Elizabeth "Bett" (Davis) Richie

The best match to what is known of Bett is the marriage of Elizabeth Davis to Chester C. Richie on 1 Mar 1849 in Jackson County, Illinois. In the 1850 Census there, they are found in a household with two daughters, Mary Ann (age3) and Alyphina (age 2). So, the two girls had to have been Chester's by a different wife. Elizabeth (presumably Bett) was reported to have been 25 years old, and she is a potential match to as many as three females in Ralph Davis' Census records.

By the 1860 Census, the Richies had moved to Union, Bollinger County, Missouri, and their household included two additional daughters. By 1870, Chester had moved to Wisconsin. But in 1865 he had remarried, and the additional children listed in his 1870 Census record were all by his new wife.

On 15 Jan 1898, Chester Richie filed for a pension for his Civil War service. In it, he was asked if he was married. He replied that he was, and his wife's maiden name was

[176] *Jackson County, Illinois Deeds, Book D*, page 193.

[177] This James Davis, Jr. was too young match any members of James Davis' family members as described in earlier Census records. But if Ralph Davis had died prior to this deed, it would make sense that he and the elder James might have been looking after one another.

Elizabeth Asker. It also asked if he had been married previously. He stated that he had been, to Elizabeth Jarret, whom he divorced in 1865. He stated he had two children living, both by the second marriage.

Thus, there were no facts found that support Alverda Little's claims about Bett Davis.

Conclusion

There are insufficient facts to corroborate Alverda Little's information. She was born at least 80 years after the death of Ralph Davis, and there is no information about where she obtained her information. It is best taken with a grain of salt.

Ralph Davis' Household in Census Records

There are only two Census records for Jackson County were Ralph was enumerated: 1820 and 1830. How soon he had died after 1830 is unknown. By 1830 he had a family of five children, as follows:

ID	Gender	1820	1830	Child
RD1	M	1810-1820	1816-1810	James Davis, b. about 1819.
RD2	F	1810-1820	1816-1820	
RD3	F		1820-1830	
RD4	F		1820-1830	
RD5	F		1825-1830	
Totals			**5 minors**	

Jacob Davis?

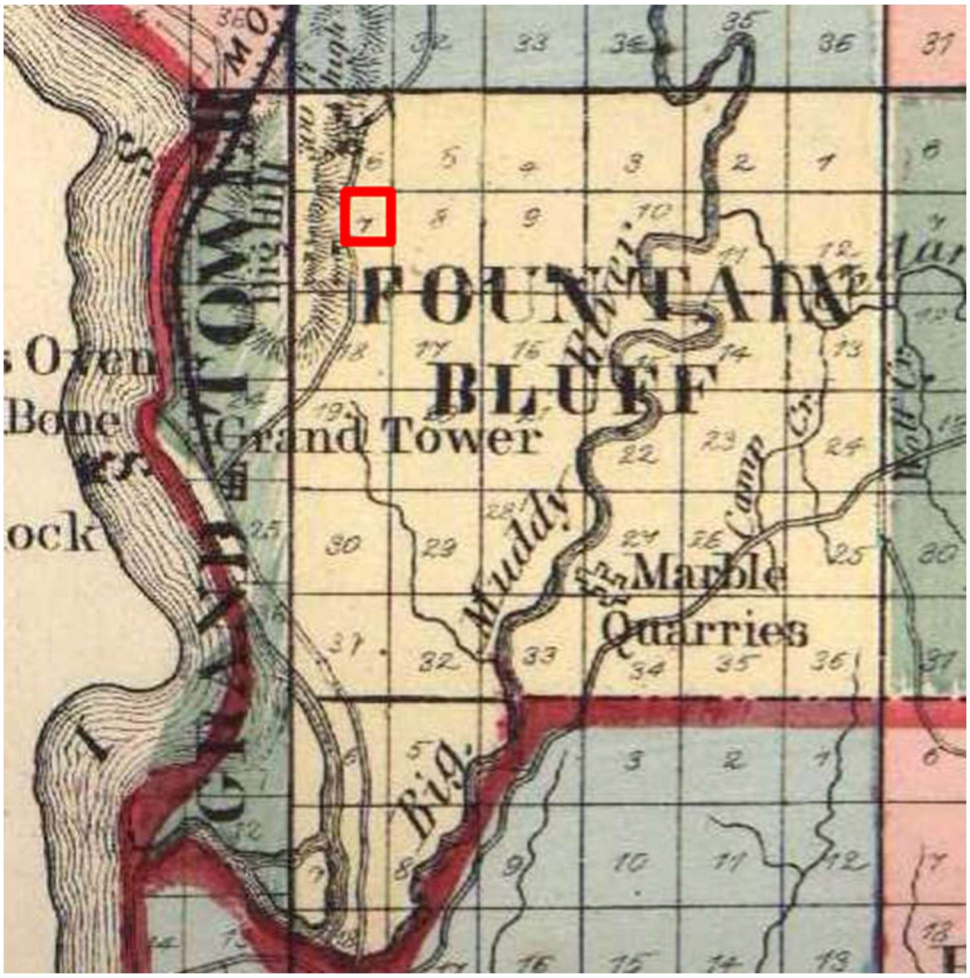
This is purely speculative due to the lack of available records, but Jacob is a possible fit for an unidentified son in James Davis' 1800 Census household. In the 1820 Federal Census for Bluff Precinct (where James Davis resided), but apparently living closer along the old bluff road toward Randolph County, Illinois is Jacob Davis, who on 23 Feb 1818 married Nancy Irick in Randolph County, Illinois. The marriage license states that both bride and groom resided in Randolph County at the time, which is two years after Jackson County had been created. But it is possible he was there working on a farm not more than several miles from James Davis' second homestead.

The primary reason for this speculation is an 1860 Census record of Nancy Davis, b. 1810 (a ten-year mismatch to Nancy Irick, but it is the only available record of her existence and thus her age cannot be relied upon with certainty). She was living in the household of John O. Worthen and his wife Rebecca, both born in 1832. They had married in Jackson County on 30 Jul 1847.

Who was Rebecca Davis' father?

Chapter 4: Aaron Davis

In 1816 or 1817, Aaron Davis arrived from Kentucky and purchased a property in Big Hill Township from Captain William Boon.[178,179] This property was the NE ¼ of Section 7, T10S, R3W, as shown in the map below. About 1817, the first death in the township was James Davis, the son of Aaron Davis, who was killed by a falling tree that was blown down by the wind (if this event had actually taken place a few years later, then the second James Davis found in the 1820 Federal Census for Jackson County may have been Aaron's son).[180]



Map showing the property that Aaron Davis purchased in 1818.
From Atlas of Illinois *by Warner and Beers, 1870.*

[178] *History of Jackson County, Illinois* by Brink, McDonough & Company (1878), page 118.
[179] *Jackson County, Illinois Deeds, Book D*, page 197. He purchased 160 acres for $600 on 3 Oct 1818.
[180] *History of Jackson County, Illinois* by Brink, McDonough & Company (1878), page 119.

In Sep 1823, Aaron Davis was appointed as a grand juror for Jackson County, Illinois for the Mar 1824 term of the County Court, and in Sep 1824 he was appointed as a traverse juror for the Mar 1825 term of the County Court.[181]

On 4 Sep1825, Aaron Davis was appointed Road Supervisor of Mississippi Road District. On the same day, he, Marvel Henson and Leonard Lipe were to review routes for a proposed road from Zimmerman's Mill to Big Hill, and to report back to the Commission (only the latter two did so, on 5 Dec 1825).[182]

Aaron Davis was said to be a skillful hunter and a good farmer, and that he remained on the property that he purchased from Captain William Boon until his death in 1826.[183]

In the 1830 Census, living next to Benningsen Boone and thus near Big Hill and close to Grand Tower, is the widow Nancy Davis, almost certainly Aaron's widow. She is living with two males, both aged between 10 and 15 years old. Which corresponds to the ages of Aaron's sons Jackson (born 1815) and Michael (born 1817).

Aaron's property was split equally between his heirs (as detailed in the section that follows), though by late in the 1830s his sons Andrew Jackson and Michael had acquired clear title to the land.

The property remained in family hands for a while, but by 1878 it had left family hands and was owned by Thomas Jenkins. Many of Aaron's descendants still live in the southwestern portion of Jackson County.

[181] *Jackson County, Illinois, Meetings of County Court and Jury Lists: 1823-1841, Part II* by John W. D. Wright (Aug 1981), pages 1 and 3.
[182] *Jackson County, Illinois, Meetings of County Court and Jury Lists: 1823-1841, Part I* by John W. D. Wright (Aug 1981), pages 11 and 12.
[183] *History of Jackson County, Illinois* by Brink, McDonough & Company (1878), page 22.

Aaron Davis' Proven Children

Aaron Davis died around 1826, and his surviving heirs are identified in a series of four deeds that split up his estate:

- The first was dated 9 Jan 1827, where **Jahu Davis** sold to **Jackson Davis** and **Michael Davis** for $32 his undivided 1/5th interest in the estate of Aaron Davis, less the 1/3rd dower interest of Aaron's widow.[184] The property is described as the NE ¼ of Section 7, T10S, R3W.
- The second was dated 29 Jan 1827, where for $32 James and **Elizabeth (Davis) Henson** sold their identical interest in the property to **Jackson Davis** and **Michael Davis**.[185]
- The third was dated 2 Dec 1829, where John and **Priscilla Matilda (Davis) Bradshaw** sold their identical interest in their father's estate for $30 to **Jackson Davis** and **Michael Davis**.[186]
- The fourth deed appears to override the John Bradshaw deed (probably to correct some technical deficiency), as the interest in that property had earlier been conveyed to James and **Elizabeth (Davis) Henson**. It was dated 20 Dec 1830, where they sold to **Jackson Davis** and **Michael Davis** for $30 the interest that they had acquired from the Bradshaws.[187]

So Jahu, Elizabeth and Priscilla Matilda sold each of their 1/5th interests to Jackson and Michael, who had the remaining 2/5th interest in the property. Thus, at the time of his death, Aaron Davis had five surviving children:

1. Jackson Davis.
2. Michael Davis.
3. Jahu Davis.
4. Elizabeth Davis, wife of James Henson.
5. Priscilla Matilda Davis, wife of John Bradshaw.

The following sections will review what is known of each of their lives.

[184] *Jackson County, Illinois Deeds, Book D*, page 198.
[185] *Jackson County, Illinois Deeds, Book D*, page 199.
[186] *Jackson County, Illinois Deeds, Book D*, page 202.
[187] *Jackson County, Illinois Deeds, Book D*, page 201.

James Davis

The only evidence to James' existence is found on page 119 of *1878 History and 1907 Atlas of Jackson County, Illinois* (published by Brink, McDonough & Co. and republished by Whipporwill Publications [undated]), where it states:

> *"The first death [of Big Hill Townships] was that of James Davis, who was killed by the falling of a tree blown down by the wind. He was the son of Aaron Davis.*

Since Aaron Davis does not appear to have arrived much earlier that 1818, James' death likely happened between then and the 1820 Census.

Jahu Davis

The earliest records for Jahu Davis (sometimes spelled Jahue or Jehu, and often transcribed incorrectly as John) are deed records, where he appears in an 1827 deed involving his father's estate, and on 21 Apr 1832, when he was a witness to a deed from James Davis to Thomas Davis.[188]

There is an 1868 probate file indexed as being for "John Davis" that is actually the probate file for Jahu Davis.[189] He died intestate on 1 Mar 1868, and his eldest son, Thomas A. Davis was named administrator. His heirs included:

- Thomas A. Davis, over the age of 21 (b. about 1847).
- Nancy Davis, age 16 (b. about 1852), the wife of Zachariah Brewer.
- Amanda Jane Davis, age 13 (b. about 1855).
- Joseph Henson, grandchild, son of Sarah E. (Davis) Henson, age 14 (b. about 1854).

Jahu is found in the 1850 and 1860 Census listed as John Davis. He was born in 1806 in North Carolina, and those records confirm the children named above. In addition, the 1850 Census adds two additional children, who are missing from the 1860 Census:

- Polly Caroline Davis, b. 1831.
- William G. Davis, b. 1842.

Jahu had no wife in the 1850 Census. His wife in the 1860 Census was named Jeanette. There is record of "John Davis" marrying **Jennet Harris** or **Morris** on 18 Oct 1855. She was the mother of his youngest daughter, Amanda, and it seems she preceded him in death, since she was not mentioned in the probate file. Jahu's second youngest daughter, Nancy, was born in 1853, prior to his marriage to Jeanette. Marriage records show that a John Davis had married **Ann Smith** on 25 Aug 1853 or **Rosanna Ward** on 6 Jan 1853. It is possible that one of these women was Mary's mother, with the latter being more likely, since she could have given birth to a child in 1853. The name(s) of Jahu's earlier wife (or wives) is not known.

1. **POLLY CAROLINE DAVIS**, b. about 1831.
2. **SARAH E. DAVIS**, b. about 1835, d. between 1853 and 1868. She married **Mr. Henson**. The lack of an Illinois marriage record for this couple suggests they married outside the state.
    a. **Joseph Henson**, b. after 1853 and before 1868.
3. **THOMAS ANDERSON DAVIS**, b. 5 Jul 1836, d. 10 Mar 1899. Public records show that he married **Elizabeth "Betty" Casteel** on 18 Oct. The year of this marriage is almost certainly incorrect; it is likely a typo and should be 1860, as the death record for **Louisa Caroline Davis**, b. 1862, states that Betty was her mother. Betty's 1900 Census record notes that she was the mother of eleven children, only eight of whom were alive at that time (other Census records only account for nine of these children).

[188] *Jackson County, Illinois Deeds, Book D*, page 251.
[189] *Jackson County, Illinois Probate Files, Division A, Box 16*, File 637.

a. **Louisa Caroline Davis**, b. 3 May 1862, d. 29 Sep 1940. She married **James Madison Modglin** on 26 Apr 1888. In the 1900 Census, she stated that she had given birth to five children, only three of whom were alive at that time. Her obituary names the two children who died in infancy:[190,191]
   i. **Ira Modglin**. Died in infancy.
   ii. **Era Modglin** (daughter). Died in infancy.
   iii. **Ida Mae Modglin**, b. 8 Feb 1889, d. 21 Nov 1954. She married **James Oscar Gordon** in 1907 in Jackson County, Illinois[192].
      1. **Ruby Mae Gordon**, b. 7 May 1908, d. 9 Jan 1987. She married **Aaron Pulcher** on 20 Aug 1927 in Williamson County, Illinois.
         a. **Aaron Gordon Pulcher**, b. 26 Dec 1928. He married **Irene Lindhorst** on 5 Aug 1950 in Boone County, Missouri.[193]
            i. **Larry Pulcher**. He married **Lisa James**.
            ii. **Linda Pulcher**. She married **Duane Bivins Lattina**.
            iii. **Cheryl Pulcher**. She married **Rick Uhrhan**.
            iv. **Ken Pulcher**.
         b. **Robert W. Pulcher**, b. 28 Aug 1931. He married **Jean MNU**.
         c. **Jack L. Pulcher**, b. 30 Jan 1934, d. 16 Mar 2006. He married **Anna Karsteter** on 28 Oct 1961 in Union County, Illinois.[194]
            i. **Wayne Pulcher**.
            ii. **Keith Pulcher**.
         d. **Sally Ann Pulcher**, b. 7 Jan 1937, d. 11 Mar 2014. She married **Paul Lucas** on 16 Jul 1955 in Warren County, Mississippi.[195]
            i. **Paul Daniel Lucas**.
            ii. **Jeffrey Lucas**.
            iii. **James Lucas**.
            iv. **Michael Lucas**.
            v. **Sallie Lucas**.

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[190] *The Daily Independent (Murphysboro, Illinois), Wednesday, 2 Sep 1925*, page 3, column 6, first article, Another Ava Citizen Gone.
[191] *www.iltrails.org/jackson/obits3.html*, Louisa C. Davis Modglin 85.
[192] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 62, No. 274, Monday, 22 Nov 1954*, page 3, column 4, second article, Ava Area Woman Dies.
[193] *monroecountynews.net/pulchers-celebrate-65-years-of-marriage/*, Pulchers Celebrate 65 Year of Marriage. Accessed 16 Nov 2017.
[194] *obits.dignitymemorial/com/dignity-memorial/obituary.asx?n=Jack-Pulcher&lc=4914&pid=184574443&mid=7334418*. Accessed 16 Nov 2017.
[195] *www.wilsonfuneralhome.net/memsol.cgi?user_id=1265933*. Accessed 16 Nov 2017.

2. **Ruth L. Gordon**, b. 14 Dec 1911, d. 4 May 1989. She married **John W. Bryant** on 22 Oct 1933 in Jackson County, Illinois.[196]
    a. **John Bryant**.
    b. **Glenn Bryant**.
3. **Bernell Gordon**, b. 9 Sep 1918. She married **Lavern Andrew Kessel**. It was not determined how many children they had together.
    a. **Joyce Kessel**. She married **Donald Ray Green**.[197]
        i. **Kevin Green**.
        ii. **Brian Green**.
        iii. **Shawn Green**.
4. **James Taylor Gordon**, b. 21 Apr 1924, d. 2 Jun 1925. He married **Delores M. McCoy** on 31 Oct 1943 in Perry County, Illinois.[198]
    a. **Richard Keith Gordon**.
    b. **Kathy Gordon**. She married **Brad Burns**.
    c. **Gary J. Gordon**.
    d. **Phyllis Gordon**.

iv. **Mina Leia "Minnie" Modglin**, b. 6 Mar 1889, d. 24 Mar 1948. She married first **Walter Horace Brown** in 1908. She married third **John Perry Mifflin** in 1909. She married third **Noah Wallace Mansker** around 1920. She married fourth **Amor Lipe** in 1944, who survived her.[199]

1. **John Roscoe Mifflin**, b. 3 Jul 1910, d. 24 Sep 1983. He married first **Florence Ellen Costello**, he married second **Anna E. Bertram** on 5 Oct 1947 in Ohio, he married third **Grace Irene Ross** on 26 Feb 1973 in Floyd County, Indiana, and he re-married his second wife, Anna, on 30 Aug 1975 in Jackson County, Indiana. The first two daughters were by the first spouse, the others by the second:[200]
    a. **Mary Earline Mifflin**, b. about 1934. She married **Mr. Blanton**.
    b. **Phyllis Jean Mifflin**, b. about 1944. She married **Mr. Robbins** and **Mr. Robertson**.
    c. **John Mifflin, Jr**.

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[196] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 91, No. 246, Thursday, 20 Oct 1983*, page 6, column 6, last article, Bryants Celebrate 50th.
[197] *The Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 110, No. 222, Sunday, 10 Aug 2003*, page 11A, column 4, first article, Donald 'Don'Ray Green.
[198] *The Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 103, No. 155, Sunday, 4 Jun 1995*, page 7A, column 1, second article, Deaths: James Gordon.
[199] *The Daily Independent (Murphysboro, Illinois), Volume 53, No. 230, 26 Mar 1948*, page 1, column 3, last article, Funeral Rites for Mina Lipe Set for Wednesday.
[200] *Jackson County Banner, Volume 115, No. 53, Wednesday, 28 Sep 1983*, page 6A, column 1, second article, John Mifflin.

d. **James Mifflin**.
e. **Peggy Mifflin**. She married **Mr. Russell**, **Mr. McCormick** and **Mr. Allman**.
f. **Patricia Mifflin**. She married **Charles Blanton**.
g. **Mina Catherine Mifflin**. She married first **Mr. Mitchell**, and she married second **Larry Noblitt** on 19 Aug 1987.[201]
    i. **Mina Ann Mitchell**.
    ii. **Michael Mitchell**.
    iii. **Scott Mitchell**.
    iv. **Shawn Mitchell**.
    v. **Johnny Mitchell**.

2. **Inez Maud Mifflin**, b. 9 Feb 1914, d. 22 May 1997. She married **Oda C. J. Neace**. Census records document one son:
    a. **William Charles Neace**, b. 16 Apr 1935, d. 29 Sep 2003. He married **Marlene N. MNU**.
3. **Woodrow Bennett Mifflin**, b. 4 Mar 1916, d. 23 Dec 1976. He married **Lula Marie Horn**.[202]
    a. **Jerry Bennett Mifflin**, b. 8 Sep 1939.
    b. **Larry D. Mifflin**.
    c. **Elizabeth Ann Mifflin**. She married **Mr. Van Natter**.
4. **William Osborn Mifflin**, b. 4 May 1918, d. 27 May 1980. He married **Vina Catherine Wallace**.[203]
    a. **Cathy Sue Mifflin**.
    b. **Nancy Mifflin**.
    c. **William L. Mifflin**.
5. **Louis Mansker**, b. 19 Nov 1921, d. 22 Feb 1994. He married **Nancy Evelyn Wallace**.
    a. **Sam Mansker**.
    b. **Steve Mansker**.
    c. **Sally Jo Mansker**. She married **Thomas F. Tighe** on 9 Feb 1968 in Delaware County, Indiana.

v. **Freda Edna Modglin**, b. 16 Feb 1897, d. 19 Nov 1977. She married **Arlie Clyde Brownfield** in 3 Apr 1913 in Jackson County, Illinois.[204]

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[201] *Jackson County Banner (Brownstown, Indiana), Volume 129, No. 99, Monday, 10 Mar 2008*, page 3, column 4, last article, Mina Catherine "Cathy" Mifflin Mitchell Noblitt.
[202] *The Star Press (Muncie, Indiana), Volume 100, No. 269, Friday, 24 Dec 1976*, page 14, column 1, first article, Woodrow Mifflin, Chevrolet Retiree.
[203] *The Star Press (Muncie, Indiana), Volume 104, No. 56, Wednesday, 28 May 1980*, page 12, column 1, fourth article, William Mifflin, Sr. Service Set on Thursday.
[204] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illlinois), Volume 85, No. 273, Monday, 21 Nov 1977*, page 21, column 3, article 4, Deaths: Freda E. Browfield.

1. **Clyde Brownfield, Jr.**, b. He married **Sylvia B. Clasen** on 21 Jul 1951 in Randolph County, Arkansas.[205]
    a. **Clyde Lee Brownfield**.
2. **Mildred Mae Brownfield**, b. 22 May 1920, d. 8 Dec 2005. She married **Gabriel Henry Austin** on 8 May 1940.[206]
    a. **Andy Austin**.
    b. **Anita Kay Austin**. She married **Dennis Lee Childs**.
    c. **Nancy Austin**. She married **Jerry Barber**.
    d. **Ricky Austin**.
    e. **Mindy Austin**.

b. **William Michael "Mike" Davis**, b. 9 Nov 1864, d. 6 Mar 1936. He married **Effie Catherine Richards** on 5 Mar 1893. In the 1900 Census, she stated that she had given birth to three children, only two of whom were alive at that time. *"Mike Davis, an aged citizen of this community [Crain], passed away at his home Friday, March 6, 1936. Mr. Davis and son Shirley were sawing post timber in the woods when he was stricken with a heart attack and passed away instantly. Burial was made in Crain cemetery Monday afternoon."*[207]

i. **Lucy Octaven Davis**, b. 6 Feb 1895, d. 20 Nov 1963. She married **Francis Gale** on 1 Apr 1913 in Jackson County, Illinois.[208]

1. **Francis Lavern "Frank" Gale**, b. 29 Dec 1912, d. 23 Apr 1986. He married **LaVerne Trumpey**.
    a. **Lucy Irene Gale**.
    b. **Michael Steven Gale**.
2. **Raymond Eugene Gale**, b. 10 Jun 1915, d. 5 Jun 2004. He married **Esther M. Wassing** on 16 Mar 1957 in Los Angeles County, California.
3. **Joseph Freeman Gale**, b. 29 Nov 1916, d. 10 Feb 2000. He married **Doris Lynn Marchall** in 1947 in Jackson County, Illinois.[209]
    a. **Alan Gale**.
    b. **Randall Gale**.
    c. **Liann Gale**. She married **Mr. Scharnberg**.

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[205] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 85, No. 110, Wednesday, 11 May 1977*, page 26, column 3, Deaths: Clyde Brownfield, Jr.
[206] *The Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 110, No. 327, Sunday, 23 Nov 2003*, page 11A, column 3, second article, Gabriel H. Austin.
[207] *The Daily Independent (Murphysboro, Illinois), Saturday, 21 Mar 1936*, page six, column 2, third section, eighth paragraph, Death.
[208] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 71, No. 82, Sunday, 7 Apr 1963*, page 22, column 6, first article, Couple to Celebrate Anniversary.
[209] *St. Louis Post-Dispatch (St. Louis, Missouri), Volume 122, No. 42, Friday 11 Feb 2000*, page C9, Funeral Notices, column 3, first article, Gale, Joseph Freeman.

4. **Helen C. Gale**, b. She married **Charles Mifflin** on 4 Aug 1937 in Jackson County, Illinois.[210]
    a. **Robert Mifflin**, b. about 1939.
    b. **William David Mifflin**, b. 13 Jul 1942, d. 2 Oct 1999.
    c. **Ruth Ann Mifflin**. She married **Mr. Kirkover**.
    d. **Rita Mifflin**. She married **Mr. Smith**.
    e. **Gerald Mifflin**.
5. **Samuel Paul Gale**, b. 28 Aug 1920, d. 7 Aug 1922.
6. **James L. Gale**, b. 21 Jun 1922.
7. **Ernest Michael Gale**, b. 26 Feb 1924.
8. **Anthony Lloyd Gale**, b. 5 Jul 1930, d. 16 Aug 2008. He married **Rosemary Nuccio**.[211]
    a. **Janet Gale**. She married **Richard Capellani**.
    b. **Lorraine Gale**. She married **Mark Miller**.
    c. **Virginia Gale**. She married **Rick Trujillo**.
    d. **Valerie Gale**. She married **Harold Dotson**.
    e. **Andrew Gale**.
    f. **Francis Gale**.
    g. **Ronald Gale**.
    h. **Gregory Gale**.

ii. **Shirley Anderson Davis, Sr.**, b. 4 May 1897, d. 2 Jun 1954. He married **Margaret "Maggie" Mifflin**.[212]
1. **Shirley Anderson Davis, Jr.**, b. 24 Jun 1922, d. 16 Nov 1965. He married **Marjorie MNU**.[213]
    a. **Shirley Ann Davis**.
    b. **William Davis**.
    c. **Richard Davis**.
2. **Margaret Alice Davis**, b. 27 Feb 1926, d. Sep 1979. She married **Raymond Eugene Phoenix** on 3 Apr 1948 in Arkansas.[214]
    a. **Steven Phoenix**.
    b. **Mary Jane Phoenix**.
    c. **Donna Phoenix**.

iii. **Mina N. Davis**, b. 3 Jun 1901, d. 7 Sep 1959. She married **Michael Mark Shields**.[215]

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[210] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 95, No. 227, Sunday, 16 Aug 1987*, page 44, column 1, fourth article, Anniversaries: Mr. & Mrs. Charley Mifflin.
[211] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 29136545. Headstone photo, portrait photo and an unsourced obituary.
[212] *Blue Island Sun Standard (Blue Island, Illinois), Volume 78, No. 2, Thursday, 3 Jun 1954*, page 15, column 1, first article, Obituary: Shirley Davis Succumbed Wednesday.
[213] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 17834105. No headstone photo. The memorial contains a transcribed obituary taken from the Sun Standard (Blue Island, Illinois).
[214] *The Pantagraph (Bloomington-Normal, Illinois), 134th Year, 273rd* Day, Sunday, 30 Sep 1979, page D-17, column 6, Margaret A. Phoenix.
[215] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 67, No. 215, 8 Sep 1959* page 2, column 3, Mina Shields Dies.

1. **Lorain Elizabeth Shields**, b. She married first **Russel C. Hall** and second **James W. Frickleton**.
    a. **Gary A. Hall.**
    b. **Douglas Hall.**
2. **Lester Mark Shields**, b. 21 Feb 1926, d. 7 May 1985. He married **Evelyn Korando**.
3. **Mary Lou Shields**, b. 10 May 1932, d. 26 April 1988. She married **John A. Schroeder**.[216]
    a. **Thomas Schroeder.**
    b. **James Schroeder.**
    c. **Roger Schroeder.**
    d. **Michael Schroeder.**
4. **Florence Ann Shields**, b. 12 Sep 1934, d. 31 Mar 2011. She married **Kenneth Elvik Lundquist**.
    a. **Karen Michele Lundquist.**

iv. **Ina C. Davis**, b. 3 Jun 1901, d. 7Sep 1969. She married **Ira B. Mifflin**.
1. **Mary E. Mifflin**, b. 14 Nov 1922, d. 30 Sep 2010. She married **Robert Charles Boza, Sr.**.[217]
    a. **Evelyn Boza.**
    b. **Loretta Boza.**
    c. **Robert Charles Boza, Jr.**
2. **Courtney Boyd Mifflin**, b. 12 Jul 1927, d. 6 Apr 1991. Wife unknown.[218]
    a. **Debbie Mifflin**.
    b. **Dwane Mifflin**.
3. **Mildred E. Mifflin**, b. 27 May 1950, d. 18 Nov 2020. She married **Richard W. Martie**.[219]
    a. **James Martie.**
    b. **Susan Martie.**
    c. **Patricia Martie.**

v. **Eunice P. Davis**, b. 8 Jun 1908, d. 21 Oct 1970. She married **Everett Alexander Gray**.

c. **Frances M. Davis**, b. about 1867.

d. **Edward Joseph Davis**, b. 29 Jun 1871, d. 2 May 1946. He married **Rebecca Pierson** on 21 Nov 1893. In the 1900 Census, she stated that she had given birth to two children, both of whom were alive at that time.

i. **William Walter Davis**, b. 26 Jul 1894, d. 10 Jun 1942. He married first **Nellie MNU** and they had one daughter (#1). He married next **Reta Gertrude Jones** and they had two children (#2

[216] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 96, No. 118, Thursday, 28 Apr 1988*, page 11, column 3, Mary Schroeder.
[217] *Chicago Tribune (Chicago, Illinois), Sunday, 3 Oct 2010, Section 1*, page 30, column 3, Mary E. Boza.
[218] *Southtown Star (Tinley Park, Illinois), Volume 19, No. 82, Thursday, 11 Apr 1991*, page 3, column 1, Courtney B. Mifflin.
[219] *The Times (Munster, Indiana), Volume 112, No. 110, Saturday, 21 Nov 2020*, page A10, column three, Mildred E. Martie.

& 3). He married last **Iva Ann Gulley** and they had two children (#4-5).

1. **Wilma Davis.**
2. **Mary Annis Davis**, b. 7 Jan 1924, d. 1 Jan 1996. She married **Stanley E. Verdier**.
    a. **Stanley J. Verdier.**
    b. **Rita M. Verdier.**
3. **Walter Charles Davis**, b 30 May 1928, d. Nov 1995.
4. **Joyce Ann Davis**, b. 24 Mar 1938, d. 31 Jan 2003. She married **Charles James Cripps** on 4 Jun 1958 in Nevada.
5. **Wesley Eugene Davis**.

ii. **Leonard A. Davis**, b. 14 Nov 1896, d. 30 Jul 1976. He married **Mary Falaster** on 23 Sep 1923 in Jackson County, Illinois.

1. **William E. Davis**, b. 19 Jun 1924, d. 22 Apr 1989. He married **Jessie Viola Belton**.
    a. **Kathryn J. Davis**.
    b. **Laverne Davis**.

iii. **Goldie M. Davis**, b. 1 May 1902, d. Jan 1987. She married **Arthur McCoy** in 1919.

1. **Russell McCoy**, b. 13 Oct 1920, d. 2 Mar 2011. He married **Alberta E. MNU**.
    a. **Janet M. McCoy.**
2. **Lawrence E. McCoy**, b. 11 Mar 1923, d. 7 Jun 1994.

iv. **Emma Marie Davis**, b. 22 Oct 1910, d. 11 Jan 1999. She married **Raymond E. Stanfield**.

1. **Wanda Evelyn Stanfield**, b. 6 Nov 1924, d. 13 Jan 2002.
2. **Richard Eugene Stanfield**, b. 13 Aug 1930, d. 15 Aug 2000.

v. **Ferd Edward Davis**, b. 22 May 1912, d. 23 Jun 1977. He married **Helen MNU**.

1. **Ferd Edward Davis**, b. 24 Jan 1942, 23 Feb 2009.
2. **Richard E. Davis**, b. 1 Apr 1948.

vi. **Charles Davis**, b. 1919.

e. **Charles Anderson Davis**, b. 9 Oct 1873, d. 1955. He married **Mary E. "Mollie" Bagley** on 14 Mar 1900.

i. **Charlotte B. "Lottie" Davis**, b. She married **Murray Hunter Davis, Jr.** (a descendant of **Willis Davis**). Refer to *Chapter 2:* William Carol Davis: Descendant 7d for details of their family.

ii. **August Berdine V. Davis**, b. 9 Aug 1903, d. 15 Mar 1975. He married **Frieda Lange** on 10 Oct 1906.

1. **Kenneth Davis**, b. 4 Feb 1939, d. 18 Apr 2009.

iii. **Carrie Ione Davis**, b. 24 May 1905, 20 Sep 1989. She married **James Harvey Doty**.

1. **Elizabeth Doty**, b. 1929.
2. **Martha Jane Doty**, b. 1931.

iv. **Grace Mac Elizabeth Davis**, b. 2 Oct 1907, d. 28 Nov 1995. She married **George N. Carl**.
    1. **Marietta Grace Carl**, b. 21 Mar 1932, d. 30 Jan 1994.
    2. **Charles G. Carl**, b. 1942.

v. **Harmon Anderson Davis**, b. 30 Jul 1909, d. He married **Emma Pearl Hiser** in 1930.

vi. **Ruth Edan Davis**, b. 23 Dec 1914, d. 8 Mar 2007. She married **Arnold Walter Higgerson** in 1932. She later **married Earl Robinson**. All children below are from the first marriage.
    1. **Minnie E. Higgerson**, b. 6 Sep 1933, d. 12 Mar 2011.
    2. **Walter Charles Higgerson**, b. 19 Apr 1935, d. 18 Apr 1938.
    3. **Iris Ann Higgerson**, b. 1939.
    4. **Shirley Higgerson**, b. 27 Aug 1942, d. 3 Apr 2002.

vii. **Arthur Walter Davis**, b. 21 Mar 1920, d. 1 Mar 1990.

f. **Robert Nicholas Davis**, b. 14 Jul 1879, d. 1 May 1947. He married first **Clara Weissgerber** in 1909. He married second **Mary Adams**.

i. **Ruby Josephine Davis**, b 2 May 1914, d. 8 May 1999. She married **George William Korando** on 29 Jun 1946.
    1. **Loretta Ann Korando**, b. 1948.
    2. **Georgia Sue Korando**, b. 1952.
    3. **Phillip R. Korando**, b. 1954.

g. **James Walter Davis** (twin), b. 16 Nov 1883, d. May 1966. He married **Emily E. Bagley** in 1912.

i. **Grover Raymond Davis**, b. 11 Aug 1913, d. 8 Nov 1993. He married **Grace Earline Smith** in 1936.
    1. **James R. Davis**, b. 1945.
    2. **Larry E. Davis**, b. 1947.
    3. **Mary Lou Davis**, b. 1950.

h. **Rebecca Ann Davis** (twin), b.16 Nov 1883, d. 14 Apr 1925. She married **August Herman Schuetz**.

i. **Bessie L. Schuetz**, b. 3 Feb 1907, d. 19 Oct 1940. She married first **Charles Cluster**. She married second **Murry Kenneth Bilderback** (a descendant of **Willis Davis**).
    1. **Melba Jean Cluster**, b. 1930.
    2. **Elizabeth A. Bilderback**, b. 1937.

i. **Julia J. Davis**, b. 27 Jun 1887, d. 25 Dec 1954. She married **William James Koen**.

i. **Russell Howard Koen**, b. 27 May 1916, d. 30 Dec 1946.

ii. **Helen Elizabeth Koen**, b. 4 Jan 1920, d. 5 Mar 1987. She married **George E. Larison**.
    1. **Lois G. Larison**, b. 1949.

iii. **Irma Koen**, b. 22 Feb 1922, d. 19 Apr 2010. She married **George W. Engelhardt**.
    1. **Roger A. Englehardt**, b. 1945.
    2. **Robert W. Englehardt**, b. 1947.

4. **WILLIAM G. DAVIS**, b. about 1842.
5. **NANCY DAVIS**, b. about 1853.
6. **AMANDA J. DAVIS**, b. Jul 1857. She married **Isaiah T. Harrison** on 24 Jun 1876.
    a. **Thomas T. Harrison**, b. 18 Jan 1878, d. 28 Mar 1947. He married **Emelie Westerheide** on 10 Sep 1905. They had one son together:
        i. **Oscar Thomas Harrison**, b. 5 Jul 1906, d. 4 May 1980. He married **Nadine R. Latowsky**.
    b. **Caroline E. Harrison**, b. about 1879.

Elizabeth (Davis) Henson

Elizabeth Davis had married James Henson in Jackson County, Illinois on 30 Jun 1826. She would seem to be the Elizabeth, b. 1807 in Illinois, who is found in James Henson's household in the 1850 Census for Jackson County. The other members of the household include some of the children named in her husband's probate file,[220] who were: Cynthia A. Elmore, James Henson, Mary C. Chance, Dorcus Penrod, Edwin Henson, Emeline Henson and Malisa Henson, the unnamed heirs of Benj. Henson and Matilda Davis. The three youngest children (Edwin, Emeline and Malisa) were James' children by his second wife, Phoebe L. Hiser. He appears to have married again at some point, as at the time of his death his wife was named Sallie, though no Jackson County marriage record helps to identify her.

His household in the 1850 Census includes children James Henson, age 18, Matilda Jane Henson, age 14 Mary Catherine Henson, age 12 and Dorcas Henson, age 4. Thus, Matilda Jane died before her father, leaving no heirs.

His household in 1860 Census includes his wife Phoebe, his daughter Dorcas and the three heirs of his son Benjamin. Phoebe was almost certainly Phoebe L. Hiser, whom he married on 30 Jun 1853.

His household in the 1870 Census includes his wife Mary and the three heirs of his son Benjamin (though Malisa is listed as Wiley). Mary was likely Mary Ann Brown, who had married a James Henson on 17 Nov 1861.

Thus, it would seem that Elizabeth (Davis) Henson had died prior to the 1853 marriage to Phoebe, and she was the mother of all of James Henson's children.

1. **BENJAMIN HENSON**, b. about 1828, d. 1859. He married **Eliza Louisa "Lucy" Woolrick** on 6 Nov 1847. There is no probate record for him found in the probate files for Jackson County, Illinois. Louisa's 1900 Census record records that she was the mother of 10 children, 6 of whom were alive in 1900. Eight of these children are identified in Census records, but only five of the six who were alive in 1900 have been identified:
    a. **Mary E. Henson**, b. 27 Apr 1849, d. 19 Aug 1911. In her 29 Jan 1894 marriage to her second husband, **Jacob Duncan**,[221] she is identified as **Mrs. Mary E. Henson Boyd** and her parents are named as **Lucy Woolrick** and **Ben Henson**. Her 1900 Census record states that she had never had any children.
    b. **James Henson**, b. about 1852.
    c. **Annis W. Henson**, b. 15 Sep 1854, d. 2 Aug 1943.[222] She married first **John W. Jones** in Jackson County on 20 Feb 1872. She married second **Anthony Lynch** in Cook County, Illinois on 27 Jun 1883. Her 1900

[220] *Jackson County, Illinois Probate Case Files, Division A, Box 28*, file 1106.
[221] *Ancestry.com's Illinois, County Marriages, 1800-1940, Film #000968929.*
[222] *Ancestry.com's Illinois, Death and Stillbirths, 1916-1947, Film #1983459.*

Census record states that she was the mother of three children, two of whom were alive at that time:

i. **Sarah Elizabeth Lynch**, b. about 1887. She married **John A. Shrewsberry**, and they had at least one daughter together:
   1. **Cecile E. Shrewsberry**, b. 12 Sep 1900, d. 18 Oct 1945. She married first **Alfred Edward Hoffman**, and second **John W. Mahoney**. She had a son by the first marriage, **Alfred Joseph Hoffman**, who was living with his great grandparents in the 1930 and 1940 Census.

ii. **Joseph T. Lynch**, b. 25 Aug 1896, d. 27 Sep 1918.

d. **Cynthia A. Henson**, b. 11 Nov 1856, d. 28 Jan 1923.[223] She married **John Henry Bartlett** on 22 Dec 1875. Her 1900 Census record showed that she was the mother of four children, three of whom were alive in 1900. By 1910, only two children were still living. The 1900 Census only provides the names of two of her children, while Social Security records provides the names of a third child and an adopted son:

i. **Flossie E. Bartlett**, b. 28 Jun 1880, d. 17 Nov 1904.[224]

ii. **Mary E. Bartlett**, b. 20 Mar 1883, d. 31 Mar 1967. She married **Alonzo Wheeler Hayes** on28 Dec 1899.[225]

iii. **Joseph William Emmert (Bartlett)** [apparently adopted], b. 16 May 1892, 1 Jan 1894. He was living in Cynthia's household in 1900 and 1910 as **Joe Emmert**, and used the same last name in 1917 when registering for the draft. From 1920 on he was using the last name of Bartlett.[226] He married **Nettie Grey** and they had two children together:
   1. **Gladys Bartlett**, b. about 1916.
   2. **John Willard Bartlett**, b. 11 Oct 1924, d. 29 Nov 1989.

iv. **Gladys Louise Bartlett**, b. 6 May 1898, d. 25 Feb 1987. She married first **Edward Vollmer** in 1914 in Jackson County. She married second **Finegan Weldon Mattingly**. She had at least one daughter by the first marriage:
   1. **Dorothy Genevieve (Vollmer)**[227] **Mattingly**, b. 3 Feb 1918, d. 20 Aug 1998. She married **John E. Kilkenny**.
      a. **Michael E. Kilkenny**, b. 1945.
      b. **Mary K. Kilkenny**, b. 1948.

e. **Louisa C. Henson**, b. about 1858.

f. **Sophia Ellen Henson**, b. 8 Apr 1859, d. 17 Dec 1953. She married **Samuel Jefferson Fry** on 20 Dec 1881 in Jackson County. The 1900

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[223] *Ancestry.com's Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947, FHL Film #1557038*. It lists her parents as "Benjamin Henson" and "Eliza Woolwork."

[224] *Find A Grave, Memorial* #85717716 (headstone photo).

[225] *Ancestry.com's U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007*, SSN557803758.

[226] In *Ancestry.com's U.S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007*, SSN 718076306, he lists his parents as Joseph William Bartlett and Cynthia Henson.

[227] She is listed in the 1920 Census as Dorothy Vollmer. She and her mother were living with her aunt Mary (Bartlett) Hayes.

Census states that she was the mother of three children, only one of whom was alive at that time.

i. **Mary Lee Etta Fry**, b. 20 Mar 1882, d. 11 Oct 1964. She married first **Edward Webb** on 28 Sep 1898 in Jackson County, second, she married **Frank Howell** in 1909 in Jackson County. Last, she married **Rudolph Theabold Drumtra**. All children were by the first marriage:

1. **Jefferson Edward Webb Drumtra**, b. 2 Sep 1899, d. 14 Aug 1983.
2. **Florence B. "Flossie" Webb Drumtra**, b. 11 Mar 1901, d. 30 Mar 2000. She married first **Roscoe Howard Graff**, whom she divorced, and second **Frank Gagliano**.

a. **Mary Virginia Graff**, b. 15 Feb 1922, d. 16 Oct 2018. She married **Myron Lorentz** on 21 Apr 1942 in California.

g. **Leonard Henson**, b. about 1862.

h. **Amanda C. Henson**, b. 4 May 1865, d. 17 Feb 1853. She never married.

2. **CYNTHIA ANN HENSON**, b. about 1829, d. after 1880. She married first **Benjamin C. Norris**, and they had two children together:

a. **William James Morris**, b. about 1847, d. unknown (after 1860).

b. **Margaret A. Norris**, b. about 1849, d. unknown (after 1864). She married **Samuel H. Brown** on 1 Sep 1864 in Jackson County.

And on 21 Jan 1856 Cynthia Ann married **Jesse H. Elmore**

c. **David M. Elmore**, b. about 1857, d. unknown (after 1900).

d. **Henry Elmore**, b. Apr 1866, d. 17 Apr 1943 in East St Louis, St Clair County, Illinois. He married **Maggie McDonald** on 22 Dec 1889 in Jackson County. They had three children together.

i. **Alfred Glen Elmore**, b. 28 May 1890, d. Mar 1965.

ii. **James Leslie Elmore**, b. 6 Apr 1892.

iii. **Claude Bertram Elmore**, b. 29 Jun 1894, d. 3 May 1953.

3. **JAMES H. HENSON**, b. about 1832, d. 23 Jul 1891. He married first **Julia Ann Bowers** on 8 Aug 1856, and he married second **Mary E. Flood** on 8 Aug 1972. Julia had filed for divorce in Nov 1870,[228] and on 3 Dec 1874 she married **Berry Ledbetter**.

When James died, his second wife Mary was named administrix of his estate. She listed herself, **Ellen Callahan**, **Ann Riseling**, **Frank Henson**, **Ollie Will**, **John Henson**, **Ettie Henson**, **Cynthia Henson** and **Willie Henson** as his heirs. In the 1900 Census, Julia is living with her daughter, **Nora B. Henson**, whose obituary states that James and Julia were her parents and that she had a half-brother, **Henry Darius Ledbetter**.[229] The last heir listed was by his first wife, the others were by Julia. Julia's 1900 Census record does not record how many children she

[228] *Saga of Southern Illinois, Volume XXV, No. 2*, page 53, Divorce Case Index, 1844-1872, Jackson County, Illinois: *Jackson County, Illinois, Circuit Court Case Files, Box 33*, file 1714.

[229] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 70, No. 174, Tuesday, 24 Jul 1962*, page 14, column 7, second article, Former Resident Dies.

had.

In the 1900 Census, Mary stated she was the mother of three children, only two of whom were alive at that time (she was living with her son **William Henson** at the time). The 1880 Census includes one additional child of hers, **Osker Henson**.

James H. Henson had eight children by **Julia Ann Bower**:

a. **Sarah Ellen Henson**, b. about 1859, d. about 1892. She married **Peter Jackson Callahan** on 4 Jul 1876 in Jackson County, Illinois.
    i. **Adelphia Mae "Della" Callahan**, b. 20 May 1877, d 7 Aug 1965. She married **William Clayborn Isom** on 20 Sep 1893 in Randolph County, Illinois. In the 1900 Census, she stated that she was the mother of three children, tough only two were living at the time. By 1910, she had become the mother of six children, five of whom were alive at the time. Later Census records show no other additions to her family.[230]
        1. **Pearl Isom**, b. 28 Dec 1897, d. 3 Mar 1976. She married first **Paul William Asselmeier** around 1921, and they were divorced about a decade later. She married second **William Flanagan**. Census records document one son by the first marriage:
            a. **Quentin Paul Asselmeier**, b. 27 Oct 1919, d. 15 Nov 1987. He married first **Lillian Dorothy Kerr**, and he married second **Zentalene Lucille (Allen) Stutsman** on 12 Oct 1956. Public records document two daughters by the first marriage:
                i. **Mary Jane Asselmeier**, b. about 1939.
                ii. **Geraldine Asselmeier**, b. 20 Oct 1940, d. 11 Oct 1972. She married **Frank R. Davis**, and they had at least two daughters:[231]
                1. **Elizabeth Lynne Davis**. She married **David C. Mills**.
                2. **Mary Davis**.
        2. **Dr. Waldo Briggs Isom**, b. 1 Dec 1899, d. 22 Sep 1973. She married **Lillian Lucille Stephens**, and Census records note one son:
            a. **Dr. Carol Edwin Isom**, b. 12 Oct 1933. He married first **Irene MNU**, and second **Charlotte Marie LeFevre** on 11 Nov 1953 in Shelby County, Missouri.
        3. **William Clayborn Isom**, b. 11 Jun 1900, d. 19 Jun 1932. He married **Eva Merrill**, and they had one son together:

[230] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 119112436. Headstone photo, and an unsourced obituary for Mrs. Della Mae Isom. Accessed 12 Nov 2017.
[231] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 24920889. No headstone photo. The memorial includes an unsourced obituary for Elizabeth Mills. Accessed 12 Nov 2017.

a. **William Isom**, b. about 1832.

4. **Ruby Fay Isom**, b. 13 Aug 1904, d. 21 Mar 2002. She married **Lucien W. Craft**.
5. **Joseph C. Isom**, b. 6 Mar 1907, d. 26 Apr 1971. He married **Margaret Trower** on 23 Jan 1943 in Montgomery County, Alabama.
6. **Lettie Isom**. Died as an infant.

ii. **James E. Callahan**, b. about 1879.

iii. **Walter Henry Callahan**, b. 26 Dec 1881, d. 20 Oct 1967. He married **Pearl C. Heine**, and they had several children together:

1. **Dennis C. Callahan**, b. 1 Dec 1917, d. Aug 1983. He married **Opal T. Johnson**, and they had two daughters:
   a. **Patricia Callahan**, b. about 1939. She married **Mr. Smyth**.
   b. **Barbara Kay Callahan**, b. 30 Jan 1942, d. 25 Nov 2006. She married **James G. Zitta, Jr**. Her obituary lists two children:[232]
      i. **James G. Zitta III**. He married **Melissa MNU**.
      ii. **Tanna Marie Zitta**. She married **Mr. Nolan**.
2. **Howard J. Callahan**, b. 30 Apr 1919, d. 5 May 2010. He married **Margaret Adams**. His headstone notes that he was the father of five. Census records identify two sons:
   a. **Robert S. Callahan, Sr.**, b. 27 Aug 1937, d. 8 Mar 2006.
      i. **Robert S. Callahan, Jr**.
   b. **Larry Callahan**, b. about 1939.
3. **Muriel Marie Callahan**, b. 12 Jul 1920, d. 28 Oct 2001. She married **Norman C. Blumyer**.[233]
   a. **Dianne Blumyer**. She married **Tom Blackburn**.
   b. **Marcia Blumyer**. She married **Jerry Altepeter**.
   c. **Nancy Blumyer**. She married **Ned Crocken**.
4. **Jeanne Catherine Callahan**, b. 14 Jun 1924, d. 25 Sep 2015. She married first **Mr. Goehl**, and she married second **Arther Beiry**. She had a daughter by the first marriage:[234]
   a. **Joy Goehl**. She married **Tom Tribout**.
5. **William "The Poet" Callahan**, b. 22 Jan 1926, d. 13 Oct 1990.

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[232] *www.kassleyfuneral.com/memsol.cgi?user_id=667542*, the life legacy of Barbara K. Zitta. Accessed 10 Nov 2017.

[233] *https://www.afterlife.co/us/obituary-swansea-norman-c-blumyer-1169749*, the obituary of Norman C. Blumyer. Accessed 10 Nov 2017.

[234] *www.legacy.com/obituaries/stltoday/obituary/aspx?pid=181815905*, the obituary for Jeanne C. Bierey. Accessed 10 Nov 2017.

6. **John Thomas "Jack" Callahan, Sr.**, b. 22 Jan 1926, d. 26 Jun 1993. He married first **Helen Louis Duncan**, and he married second **Betty J. MNU**. He had at least one son by each marriage:
    a. **John Thomas "Jack" Callahan, Jr**.
    b. **Timothy Michael Callahan**.
7. **Patricia Ann Callahan**, b. 23 Feb 1929, d. 16 Dec 2006. She married first **Lester C. King**, she married second **Kevin Corrigan**, and she married third **Jack T. Nooney**. She had two sons by the first marriage, plus a daughter (father unknown):[235]
    a. **Kevin King**.
    b. **Keith King**.
    c. **Leslie MNU**. She married **Gary Goldberg**.

iv. **Ralph Sylvester Callahan**, b. Apr 1886, d. 9 Dec 1950. He married **Dorothy M. Henderson**, and Census records show that they had two children:
1. **Walter A. Callahan**, b. 9 Jun 1910, d. 14 Oct 1978. He married **Kate MNU**.
2. **Liberty Belle Callahan**, b. 6 Apr 1918, d. 19 Jul 1971. She married **Richard F. Bouck**. They had at least two children together:
    a. **Michael Walter (Flynn) Bouck**, b. 3 July 1938, d. 2 Nov 1993. He married first **Diane Jackson** on 11 July 1959 in Los Angeles County, California, and married second **Necia Kay Nettles** on 6 Nov 1992 in Clark County, Nevada.
    b. **Linda Lee Bouck**.

v. **Frederick Callahan**, b. 23 Sep 1888. He married at least twice, order of marriage unknown: **Adah Grace (Allen) Holmes** and **Mary M. MNU**.

vi. **Murray Bernard Callahan**, b. 31 Mar 1891, d. 1980. He married **Thresa M. Ripplinger**, and they had several children together:
1. **Margaret Tresa Callahan**, b. 18 Oct 1913, d. 22 May 2002. She married first **Charles Gabriel Evans**, she married second **Frank F. Underwood**, she married third **Mr. O'Riley**, and she married fourth **Mr. Wampler**. She had a daughter by the first marriage:
    a. **Margaret Tresa Evans**, b. about 1930.
2. **Joseph Murray Callahan**, b. about 1917. He married **Florence Helen Jenkins** on 20 Feb 1940 in St Louis County, Missouri.
3. **Clarence C. Callahan**, b. 15 Jan 1919, d. 18 Dec 1937.

[235] *www.wf-ofallon.com/obituary/906151*, the obituary of Patricia A. Nooney. Accessed 12 Nov 2017.

4. **Florence Marie Callahan**, b. 3 Jun 1921, d. 27 Nov 2006. She was married twice: to **Lilbert "Phil" Keck** and to **Edward Yawitz**.[236]
    a. **Fred Keck**, b. about 1939.
    b. **Clinton Keck**, b. about 1939.
    c. **Charlene Yawitz**.
    d. **Steve Yawitz**.
5. **Clarrisa Hortence Callahan**, b. 5 Jan 1927, d. 23 Mar 1995. She married first **Leonard W. Warden**. She was married at least twice afterward: to **Karl E. Thies** and to **Mr. Owens**.

b. **Anna Eliza Henson**, b. Nov 1860, d. 16 Sep 1926. She married **William H. Riseling** on 28 Dec 1879. In the 1900 Census, she stated that she was the mother of seven children, four of whom were alive at that time. But in 1910, she claimed to have given birth to three children, all of whom were alive at that time (Edgar and Clarence were still living with her then).
    i. **Harry Earl Riseling**, b. 21 Jun 1884, d. 16 Mar 1970. He married **Myrtle L. Zimmerman** on 18 Nov 1906 in Jackson County, Illinois.[237]
        1. **Minerva Earline Riseling**. She married **Mr. Nisbeth**.
        2. **Martha Ann Riseling**. She married **Arnold Krekel Eckland** on 29 Dec 1956 in St Louis County, Missouri.
    ii. **Edgar James Riseling**, b. 14 May 1886, d. 1964. He married **Mrs. Mary Letha (Douglas) Brown** on 16 Nov 1912 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.
        1. **Julia Vivian "Gig" Riseling**, b. 23 Feb 1914, d. 10 Aug 2006. She married **Walter Forrest "Pat" Patterson**.
            a. **Billy Ann Patterson**, b. about 1934.
    iii. **Lizzie Riseling**, b. Sep 1890, b. before 1910.
    iv. **Clarence Herbert Riseling**, b. 10 May 1895, d. Feb 1977. He married first **Inez Beatrice Guest**, b. 19 Nov 1909 in Scott County, Missouri, and married second **Mabel L. MNU**.

c. **Benjamin Franklin Henson**, b. 17 Sep 1864, d. 24 Jan 1936. He married **Olive Christine "Ollie" (Holman) Millouse** on 12 Mar 1890. In the 1900 Census, Ollie stated that she was the mother of five children, three of whom were alive at that time. In 1910, she was the mother of six children and four of them were alive at that time. Her children by Benjamin:
    i. **Earl Henson**, b. Dec 1890.
    ii. **Lorraine Henson**, b. 1 Aug 1894, d. Dec 1977. She first married **Thomas Frank Lancey**, and later married **Mr. Stewart**. There were at least four children by the first marriage:

[236] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 120076396. Headstone photo, plus an obituary for Florence M. Callahan from *Pensacola News Journal*. Accessed 12 Nov 2017.
[237] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 78, No. 65, Wednesday, 18 Mar 1970*, page 26, column 3, first article, Area Obituaries: Services Wednesday for Harry Riseling.

1. **Mercedes Lancey**, b. about 1914. She married **Francis Webb**.
2. **Mary A. Lancey**, b. about 1916.
3. **Francis Paul Lancey**, b. 17 Oct 1918, d. Jul 1978.
4. **Juanita Lancey**, b. about 1920.

iii. **Helen Henson**, b. 12 Feb 1899. She married first **George Ruff** in 1915 in Monroe County, Illinois, she married second **Harry Albert Tweedy** on 20 Aug 1920 in St Louis County, Missouri, she married third **Charles Stedelin**, and she married fourth **Mr. Gerom**. She had several children by the second marriage:

1. **Dorothy Tweedy**, b. about 1918.
2. **James Finis Tweedy**, b. 23 Apr 1921, d. 7 Oct 2006. He married **Evelyn Ruth Dillon**.
   a. **James S. Tweedy**.
   b. **Patrick Tweedy**.
3. **Helen Margaret Tweedy**, b. 19 Aug 1923. She married **John Shalenko**.
4. **William Tweedy**, b. about 1926.
5. **Martha Jean Tweedy**, b. 19 Apr 1928, d. 14 Jul 2006. She married **Robert J. Dickhans**.
6. **Robert Lee Tweedy**, b. 28 Sep 1933, d. 4 Aug 2017. He married **JoAnn Werkmeister**.[238]
   a. **Robert Gregory Tweedy, Sr**. He married **Robin Fears** on 30 May 2008. Children by a previous marriage include:[239]
      i. **Robert G. Tweedy, Jr**.
      ii. **Erin Tweedy**.
      iii. **Katie Tweedy**.
      iv. **Andrew J. Tweedy**.
   b. **Debra A. Tweedy**. She married **Jerry Voll**.
   c. **Jeff Tweedy**.
   d. **Steven Tweedy**.

iv. **Herbert Lee Henson**, b. 17 Aug 1904, d. 16 Mar 1976. He married **Mabel Ione Finch**. They had two sons:

1. **Herbert Lester "Cousin Herb" Henson**, b. 17 May 1925, d. 26 Nov 1963. He married **Katherine Joylene Cheatwood**.
   a. **Keith Lester Henson**.
2. **Leo R. Henson**, b. 30 Sep 1926, d. 30 Jul 1985. He married **Lillian Bass** on 4 Jan 1965. They were divorced four years later.

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[238] http://kurrusfh.com/obituaries/2013-obituaries/?id=1071, the obituary for Robert Lee Tweedy. Accessed 11 Nov 2017.

[239] http://kurrusfh.com/obituaries/2013-obituaries/?id=168, the obituary for Robert Greg Tweedy. Accessed 11 Nov 2017.

d. **Ollie M. Henson**, b. 6 Jun 1865, d. 14 Jan 1960. She married **Irvin Oliver Will** on 7 Sep 1884 in Jackson County, Illinois. The Census records of 1900 and 1910 state that she gave birth to one son, who was still alive in 1910:
    i. **Leo Archibald Will**, b. 22 Jan 1888, d. 10 Apr 1972. He married **Roberta Pullen** on 12 Aug 1912 in Pemiscot County, Missouri. Census records document three children:
        1. **Martha Will**, b. about 1920.
        2. **Robert Irvin Will**, b. 29 Sep 1920, d. 14 Dec 2001.
        3. **Susan M. Will**, b. about 1923.

e. **John H. Henson**, b. 28 Apr 1866, d. 8 Mar 1940. (NOTE: His death record states that his mother was **Mary E. Flood**.)

f. **Mary Etta Henson**, b. 16 Dec 1868, d. 12 Nov 1956. She married **Hugh Overstreet** on 19 Sep 1892 in Missoula, Montana. In both the 1900 and 1910 Census, she stated that she was the mother of three children, and they were all living at the time:
    i. **Georgia Ruth Overstreet**, b. 4 Aug 1896, d. 9 Dec 1946. She married **Homer Wilson Treadway, Sr**. They had three children together:
        1. **Mary Cornelia Treadway**, b. 19 Aug 1916, d. 24 Sep 2010. She married first **William McIntyre Stanford**, and she married second **Alfred Preston Shatto**.
            a. **John Paul Stanford**.
            b. **William M. Stanford**.
        2. **Homer Wilson Treadway, Jr.**, b. Apr 1919, d. 12 Jul 1994. He married **Pamela Kay Houton** on 26 May 1983 in Clark County, Nevada, and they were divorced on 22 Jun 1984 in Montgomery County, Texas.
        3. Judge **George Jackson Treadway**, b. 11 Oct 1924, d. 28 Oct 1985. He married **Marjorie Warren**.[240]
            a. **Susan Kay Treadway**. She married **Mr. Trimm**.
            b. **Mary Ann Treadway**. She married **Roger Bridgwater**.
            c. **Warren Michael Treadway**.
    ii. **Samuel Joseph Overstreet, Sr.**, b. 4 Sep 1898, d. 24 Aug 1980. He married **Anna Belle Brinson** on 28 Sep 1919 in Fulton County, Georgia. Census records document four children:
        1. **Samuel Joseph Overstreet, Jr.**, b. 29 Nov 1920, d. 6 Jun 1994. He married **Helen Pfluger**.
            a. **Samuel Joseph Overstreet, III**. He married **Patsy Millwood**.
        2. **Ben Brinson Overstreet**, b. 4 Dec 1926.
        3. **Robert Lane Overstreet**, b. 8 Jun 1930, d. 6 Dec 2005.[241]

[240] Unsourced obituary submitted to Ancestry.com by user Virginia0246 on 12 Oct 2017.
[241] *www.legacy.com/obituaries/savanna/obituary.aspx?n=robert-lane -overstreet&pid=15912785*, the obituary for Robert Lane Overstreet. Accessed 12 Nov 2017.

a. **John Brinson Overstreet**.
b. **Laura Overstreet**. She married **Mark Biering**.

4. **Mary Anne Overstreet**, b. about 1938. She married **Mr. Mulling**.

iii. **George Jackson Overstreet**, b. 29 Apr 1900, d. 16 Sep 1964.

g. **Cynthia E. Henson**, b. Feb 1871, d. 1952. She married **Lewis Almer Whisler** on 9 Aug 1891. Her 1900 Census record states that she was the mother of three children, all of whom were alive at that time. By 1910, her family had expanded to six children, one of whom had died by that time (Leta Belle). One additional son was born after 1910:[242]

i. **Mary Grace Whisler**, b. 11 Oct 1892, d. 31 Jan 1963. She married **Warren Otto Garver**. They had three daughters:

1. **Geraldine Elouise Garver**, b. 29 Aug 1915, d. 9 Nov 1984. She married **Frank Leslie Reiman** on 23 Sep 1935 in Jackson County, Illinois.[243]

a. **Joyce Reiman**. She married **Benny Jones**.

2. **Blanche L. Garver**, b. 23 Nov 1918, 23 Aug 2012.
3. **Aleta R. Garver**, b. She married **Gerald D. Meyers** on 28 Feb 1948 in Jackson County, Illinois.

ii. **Frank Christian Whisler**, b. Jul 1895, d. 26 Nov 1980. He married **Vera Marie Nisbet** on 28 Sep 1916.

1. **Willa Louise Whisler**, b. 21 Mar 1917, d. 3 Oct 1961. She married **Robert Herdy Talbot** in 1937.[244]

a. **Thomas Talbot**.
b. **Robert Talbot**.
c. **Richard Talbot**.

2. **Dr. Clarence Eugene Whisler**, b. 24 Jun 1919, d. 5 Aug 1998. He married **Eula Marie Hobbs** on 2 Oct 1943.[245]

a. **Steven Frank Whisler**.
b. **Michael Lynn Whisler**. He died as an infant.
c. **Linda Whisler**. She married **Bill George**.
d. **Charles Whisler**.

3. **Doris Marie Whisler**, b. 5 Nov 1924. She married a **Mr. Tillman** and a **Mr. Watson**.
4. **Betty Jane Whisler**, b. about 1927. She married **Robert Rudolph Boehm**. Their children:

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[242] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 69, No. 130, Wednesday, 19 Jul 1961*, page 2, column 6, first article, Louis Whisler Dies.
[243] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 10499381. Headstone photo and unsourced clipping of the obituary for Frank Leslie Reiman. Accessed 12 Nov 2017.
[244] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 69, No. 195, Wednesday, 4 Oct 1961*, page 18, column 3, second article, Former Ava Resident Dies in California.
[245] *www.legacy.com/obituaries/news-leader/obituary.aspx?n=marie-whisler&pid=141360044*, the obituary of Marie Whisler. Accessed 12 Nov 2017.

a. **William Eugene Boehm**. He was killed in Viet Nam.[246]
b. **Robert D. Boehm**.
c. **Beverly Jane Boehm**.

5. **Irma Alice Whisler**, b. 20 Jul 1930, d. 6 Sep 2003. She married **Glen Morris Williamson** on 6 Jun 1947 in Washington County, Illinois.[247]
   a. **Roger Dean Williamson**.
   b. **Reverend Paul Williamson**.
   c. **Edward Williamson**.
   d. **Sharon Williamson**. She married **Mr. Grove**.

iii. **Arthur Levan Whisler**, b. 14 Aug 1898, d. 15 May 1970. He married **Golda P. McBride** on 26 May 1923 in St Clair County, Illinois. They had three children:[248]
   1. **John Arthur Whisler**, b. 16 Sep 1925, d. 16 Jul 2015. He married **Bernadine MNU**.[249]
      a. **Mark Whisler**.
      b. **Keith Whisler**.
      c. **Marilyn Whisler**.
   2. **Norman L. Whisler**, b. 1 Jan 1933.
   3. **Carolyn Lou Whisler**, b. 22 Nov 1939, d. 6 Aug 1946.

iv. **Leta Belle Whisler**, b. 18 Jul 1901, d. 24 Jan 1902.

v. **Frieda Julie Whisler**, b. 9 Mar 1903, d. 22 Sep 1995. She married **Waldo M. Wright** on 17 Sep 1921 in Randolph County, Illinois. They had two sons:
   1. **Leslie Wright**, b. about 1925.
   2. **Robert "Bo" Wright**, b. about 1930.

vi. **Irma Irene Whisler**, b. 8 Dec 1909, d. 3 Oct 2004. She married **Floyd E. Schilling** on 4 Dec 1948 in Madison County, Illinois.[250]

vii. **Kenneth Almer Whisler**, b. 15 Jan 1915, d. 19 Sep 2012. He married **Dorothy E. Anghouse** on 11 Oct 1941 in St Louis County, Missouri. They had two sons:
   1. **Larry Kenneth Whisler** (died as an infant).
   2. **David Whisler**.

h. **Nora B. Henson**, b. 25 Aug 1874, d. 23 Jul 1962. She married first **Charles O. Nelson** in 1898 in Jackson County, Illinois, and she married

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[246] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 77, No. 42, Wednesday,19 Feb 1969*, page 2, column 7, third article, William E. Boehm Services Friday.
[247] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 81144878. Headstone photo and an unsourced obituary for Irma Alice Williamson. Accessed 12 Nov 2017.
[248] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 100, No. 228, Saturday, 15 Aug 1992*, page 7, column 3, first article, Goldie Whisler.
[249] *www.ratterman.com/obituaries/John-Whisler/#!/Obituary*, the obituary for John Arthur Whisler. Accessed 12 Nov 2017.
[250] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 111, No. 279, Tuesday, 5 Oct 2004*, page 11, column 5, second article, Irma Irene Schilling.

second **Charles Frederick Steinkopf** on 20 Jan 1904 in St Clair County, Illinois.

James H. Henson had two additional children by **Mary E. Flood**:

i. **William M. "Jack" Henson**, b. 21 Dec 1873, d. Apr 1873. He married **Emma Mayberry** on 22 Jul 1901 in Williamson County, Illinois. They had one daughter:

i. **Beulah Henson**, b. 15 Mar 1902, d. 16 Nov 1993. She married **Virgil W. Bowman**.

1. **John William "Jack" Bowman**, b. about 1938. He married **Annette Stilley** in Oct 1971 in Williamson County, Illinois.

a. **Andrew Bowman**.

j. **Osker Henson**, b. about 1878.

4. **MATILDA JANE "TILDA" HENSON**, b. about 1836. She married **James Davis** on 30 Jul 1852 (thought to be the son of **Thomas G. Davis** and grandson of **James Davis**).

a. **James Thomas Davis**, b. about 1854, d. after the 1880 Census. He married **Narcissa Emaline Thornton**. In the 1900 Census, she stated that she was the mother of two children, both of whom were alive at that time. But in the 1910 Census, she stated she had three children, but only one remained alive at that time (Thomas). Census records document her three children:

i. **Richard Davis**, b. about 1880, d. before the 1900 Census.

ii. **Ida Davis**, b. Jan 1882, d. before the 1910 Census.

iii. **Thomas Edward Davis**, b. 19 May 1885, d. 3 Dec 1964. He married **Lura Redfield**. Census records document two daughters:

1. **Mary Adeline Davis**, b. about 1910. She married **Adrian Bennett Cairns, Sr.** on 15 Jun 1932 in Harris County, Texas. She later married **Mr. Martin**. Census records document four children by the first marriage:

a. **Adrian Bennett Cairns, Jr.**, b. 8 May 1934, d. 5 Jun 2017. He married at least twice: to **Cheryl Ann Bourgeois** and to **Jean Wiggins**. Children by the latter marriage were:[251]

i. **Joseph Edward Cairns**.

ii. **Roy William Cairns**.

iii. **Adrian Bennett Cairns III**.

b. **Thomas Edward Cairns** (twin), b. 4 Sep 1937.

c. **Robert F. Cairns** (twin), b. 4 Sep 1937, d. 3 Feb 2010.

d. **Mary Sue Cairns**, b.17 Dec 1940. She married **Mr. Lanaux**.

2. **Dorothy Davis**, b. 21 Apr 1915, d. 10 Sep 1980. She married **Simon Philp, Jr**.

[251] *www.ejfieldinggh.com/obituaries/Adrian-Cairns/#!/Obituary*, the obituary of Dr. Adrian Bennett Carins, Jr. Accessed 12 Nov 2017.

a. **Simon Philp III**.

5. **MARY CATHERINE HENSON**, b. 18 Mar 1837. She married first **John Bowers** on 21 Jan 1856, second **William John Chance** on 11 Mar 1865, third **William H. Carter** on 10 Aug 1872 (there is a May 1873 divorce case between Mary C. Carter and *Wilson* Carter)[252] and fourth **Jesse Green Tope** on 9 Aug 1873. In both the 1900 and 1910 Census, Mary stated she had given birth to seven children, four of whom were still alive at that time.
    a. **Joseph Bowers**, b. about 1857.
    b. **Amanda Adaline Bowers**, b. 24 Dec 1858, d. 29 Jan 1923. She married **Harvey Horace Crisler** on 3 Oct 1878 in Jackson County, Illinois. Both the 1900 and 1910 Census show that she was the mother to eight children, all of whom were alive at that time.
        i. **James Herbert "Herd" Crisler**, b. 27 Mar 1880, d. 25 Mar 1925. He married **Lula R. Falaster**.
            1. **James Edward Crisler**, b. 21 Sep 1918, d. 25 Nov 2002. He married **Lucille Dawson/Damron**.
        ii. **George Walter Crisler**, b. 11 Mar 1882, d. 26 Mar 1942. He was never married.
        iii. **Mary Crisler**, b. 22 Jun 1885, d. 28 Jan 1963. She married **Harry Bagley** in 1906 in Jackson County, Illinois. In the 1910 Census, she stated she was the mother of two children, both of whom were alive at that time. Later Census records document a large family:
            1. **Everett F. Bagley**, b. 11 Oct 1906, d. 28 Jul 1985. He married **Cora Lee Deason**, and they had several children together:
                a. **Everett Bagley**, b. about 1927.
                b. **Donald Vernon Bagley**, b. 23 Feb 1928, d. Sep 1982.
                c. **Melvin Bagley**, b. about 1930.
                d. **Robert Allen Bagley**, b. 23 Aug 1935, d. 25 Oct 2004. He married **Shirley Dean Tucker**.
                e. **Marlene Bagley**, b. about 1939.
            2. **Murray L. Bagley**, b. 5 May 1909, d. 3 Jun 1983.
            3. **Earl Cornelius Bagley**, b. 8 Jan 1911, d. 13 Aug 1978. He married **Dorothy MNU**. The 1940 Census records one son:
                a. **Carl Bagley**, b. about 1939.
            4. **Elden H. Bagley**, b. 26 Apr 1913, d. 21 Oct 1995. He married **Catherine Bassler**.
            5. **Kenneth Adrian Bagley**, b. 16 Jun 1916, d. 10 Aug 1995.
            6. **Lillian Lorraine Bagley**, b. 23 Sep 1918, d. 27 Jun 2009. She married **Delmar E. Blackwell**.
            7. **Bessie Amanda Mae Bagley**, b. 22 Aug 1921, d. 9 Dec 2010. She married **Willard Stubenrouch**.

[252] *Saga of Southern Illinois, Volume XXV, Number 3*, Divorce Case Index 1873-1890, Jackson County, Illinois, page 3.

8. **Charles E. Bagley**, b. 22 Jan 1924, d. 26 Mar 2008.

iv. **Emma Crisler**, b. 5 Mar 1888, d. 27 May 1949. She married **Peter M. Levan** in 1907 in Jackson County, Illinois. Census records record five children:

1. **Bert Cecil Levan**, b. 26 Aug 1909, d. 17 Aug 2000. He married **Alma J. Edwards** in 1939. His obituary lists his children:[253]
   a. **Bert W. Levan**.
   b. **Peter M. Levan**.
   c. **David B. Levan**.
   d. **Ruth Ann Levan**.
   e. **Jane M. Levan**. She married **Charlie Morgando**.
2. **Helen Levan**, b. 5 Dec 1910, d. 22 Jan 2002. She married **Fred Borgsmiller** on 12 Oct 1940. Her obituary lists the following children:[254]
   a. **Richard Borgsmiller**.
   b. **Ralph Borgsmiller**.
   c. **Mary Borgsmiller**. She married **Mr. Nicholls**.
3. **Grace A. Levan**, b. 30 Jun 1912, d. 8 Jan 1972.
4. **Annabelle Levan**, b. 30 Apr 1914, d. 17 May 2005. She married **Harold L. Imhoff** in 1934. Her obituary lists two sons:[255]
   a. **Earl Imhoff**.
   b. **John Edwin Imhoff**.
5. **William P. Levan**, b. 26 Jun 1921, d. 3 Oct 2002. He married **Lillian Dietz**.
   a. **James Randall Levan**. He married **Tracy Brown**.[256]
   b. **Roger Levan**.
   c. **Joyce Ann Levan**. She married **Virgil Elbrecht**.
   d. **Pat Levan**. She married **Larry Simpkins**.
   e. **Linda Kay Levan**. She married **Vito Biondo**.

v. **Malinda Anna Crisler**, b. 29 May 1891, d. 16 Apr 1972. She married **Silas Edgar Shannon** on 15 Sep 1921.

1. **Kathryn A. Shannon**, b. about 1924. She married **Mr. Smith**.
2. **Verna Lee Shannon**, b. 3 Dec 1927. She married **Paul R. Nobel**.
3. **Claudine Fay Shannon**, b. 4 Oct 1930, d. 19 Feb 1986.

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[253] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 108, No. 232, Saturday, 9 Aug 2000*, page 4, column 4, first article, Bert Cecil Levan.
[254] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 109, No. 224, Thursday, 24 Jan 2002*, page 11, column 4, second article, Helen Borgsmiller.
[255] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 112, No. 139, Thursday, 19 May 2005*, page 15, column 5, second article, Annabell Imhoff.
[256] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 112, No. 121, Sunday, 1 May 2005*, page 11A, column 5, first article, James Randall Levan.

4. **Claude J. Shannon**, b. 15 Oct 1930.

vi. **Andrew Crisler**, b. 6 Jan 1893, d. 23 Dec 1954. He married first **Inez Mae Ripley** and **Mrs. Ella Riley**.[257]

1. **Lela Evelyn Crisler**, b. 7 Nov 1916, d. 3 Jul 1982. She married **Irvin Vancil** on 23 Dec 1935 in Perry County, Illnois.[258]
   a. **Nancy Lee Vancil**, b. about 1937. She married **Mr. Griffin** and then **James Hartsock**.
   b. **Alice Vancil**. She married **Mr. Walker** and then **Richard Brewer**.
   c. **Howard A. Vancil**.
2. **Billy Edward Crisler**, b. 21 Jan 1926, d. 15 Dec 1969.

vii. **Rolla Harvey Crisler**, b. 26 Jun 1897, d. 2 Apr 1943. He married **Burnell W. Casey** on 17 Jan 1919 in Jackson County, Illinois.[259]

1. **Norman K. Crisler**, b. 7 Jul 1919, d. 28 Jul 1996.

viii. **Ellen S. Crisler**, b. Jan 1900, d. 16 Jan 1947. She married **Ray Hanna** in 1919.[260]

1. **Lindel Ray Hanna**, b. 21 May 1920, d. 21 May 1920.
2. **Roy Eugene Hanna**, b. 30 Apr 1921, d. 15 Aug 1992. He married **Rosalie Smith** in Apr 1969.
3. **Arden Clifford Hanna**, b. 10 Jan 1923, d. 22 Aug 1976. He married **Claudia Nichols** on 6 Oct 1946.
   a. They had one daughter, who married **Lynn Malcum**.
4. **Wilburn Dean Hanna**, b. about 1925. He married **Dorothy Lee Snowden**.
   a. **Wilburn Jay Hanna**.[261]
   b. **Ellen Hanna**.
   c. **Ruth Hanna**.
   d. **Linda Hanna**.
   e. **David Hanna**.
   f. **Ronald Hanna**.
   g. **Joseph Hanna**.
5. **Haskel A. Hanna**, b. 6 Dec 1926, 2 Sep 1936.

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[257] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 62, No. 300, Thursday, 23 Dec 1954*, page 2, column 5, third article, Andrew Crisler Dies.
[258] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 90, No. 155, Sunday, 4 Jul 1982*, page 19, column 2, first article, Lela Evelyn Vancil.
[259] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 85, No. 62, Tuesday, 15 Mar 1977*, page 18, column 1, second article, Deaths: Burnell C. Crisler.
[260] *Daily Independent (Murphysboro, Illinois), Volume 55, No. 184, Friday, 17 Jan 1947*, page 8, column 2, first article, Obituaries: Murphysboro: Mrs. Ray Hanna.
[261] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 95, No. 98, Thursday, 9 Apr 1977*, page 7, column 1, first article, Deaths: Wilburn J. Hanna.

6. **Robert Lee Hanna,Sr.**, b. 8 Oct 1928, d. 23 Sep 1967. He married **Rosalie Balsano** on 15 Oct 1949.[262]
    a. **Robert Lee Hanna, Jr**.
7. **Betty Ruth Hanna**, b. about 1938. She married **Walter Clinton** and a **Mr. Hawkins**.
8. **Claude Allen Hanna**.
9. **Mary Ann Hanna**. She married **Mr. Mifflin**.
10. **William Hanna**.
11. **John Hanna**.

c. **James D. Bowers, b. Sep 1861**. He married **Elizabeth Herrold** on 19 Sep 1883 in Jackson County, Illinois. In the 1900 Census, she stated that she was the mother of eight children, and that six of them were alive at that time. She apparently died before the 1910 Census.

i. **James Albert Bowers**, b. 9 May 1885, d. 6 May 1972. He married **Lillie May Belle Halliburton** on 17 May 1916 in Cross County, Arkansas. Census records document a large family:

1. **Blanche Bowers**, b. about 1918. She married **Mr. Litten**.
2. **James Lawrence Bowers**, b. 24 Oct 1919, d. 10 Dec 1987. He married **Kernie M. Wilbanks** about 1944.
    a. **James A. Bowers**.
    b. **Patsy Bowers**. She married **Mr. Collins**.
    c. **Georgiann Bowers**. She married **Charles Burcham**.
3. **Dessie Louise Bowers**, b. 12 Apr 1922, d. 23 Oct 2011. She married **Mr. Snowder**.
4. **Ruby Lillie Bowers**, b. 6 Jul 1924, d. 29 Sep 2008. She married **Bennie Ostein Weaver**, **Mr. Lancaster** and **Nick Tony Machado**.
5. **Allie Arbin Bowers**, b. 15 Apr 1928. She married **Gerald Junior Collins**.
6. **Howard Albert Bowers**, b. 5 Apr 1931, d. 10 Feb 2007.
7. **Evelyn Lorraine Bowers**, b. 12 Apr 1933. She married **Mr. Bell**.
8. **Leota Lucille Bowers**, b. 26 May 1935, d. 7 Jul 2006. She married **Mr. Allen**.
9. **Johnnie William Bowers**, b. 20 Feb 1937, d. 1 Nov 2004.
10. **David Bowers**, b. Mountain Home, AR

ii. **Adler C. Bowers**, b. Feb 1887.

iii. **Lillie E. Bowers**, b. Feb 1889.

iv. **Gusta Ann Bowers**, b. Sep 1891. She married first **Otis E. Cootes**, and second **John C. Reed**.

v. **Grover Dives Bowers**, b. 29 Sep 1893, d. 24 Apr 1969. He married **Willie Leona Halliburton** on 24 Aug 1919. Census records document four children:

[262] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 72, No. 166, Tuesday, 26 Sep 1967*, page 14, column 2, fifth article, Services Thursday for Robert Hanna.

1. **Dorothy L. Bowers**, b. 9 Jul 1920, d. May 1991. She married **Claude Massena**.
2. **Grover Bill Bowers, Sr.**, b. 25 Mar 1922, d. 17 Sep 1996. He married **Helen Mae Dexter**.
    a. **Grover Bill Bowers, Jr.**, 20 Jul 1941, d. 4 Nov 2011.
3. **Ethel Irene Bowers**, b. 20 Jun 1926, d. 13 May 2015. She married **Thad Cleo Eatherly**.[263]
    a. **Brenda Diane Eatherly**.
4. **Glenda Bell Bowers**, b. 10 Jan 1935, d. 31 Jul 1994. She married **Mr. Henrichs**.

vi. **Ida Bell Bowers**, b. 5 May 1898, d. 2 Jun 1965. She married **Lee J. Carden**. Census records document three children:
1. **Allen Lee Carden**, b. 11 Oct 1916, d. 15 Sep 20015. He married **Leona McLain**.
2. **Mildred L. Carden**, b. about 1921.
3. **Mary Kathleen Carden**, b. 5 Mar 1923, d. 18 Nov 2004. She married **Mr. Duncan**.

d. **Sarah E. Chance**, b. about 1867. She married **John E. Smith** on 28 Dec 1883 in Jackson County, Illinois. In both the 1900 and 1910 Census, she stated that she had given birth to three children, all of whom were alive at that time. She later married **Frank Day**.[264]

i. **Murray Irvin Smith**, b. 2 Nov 1884, d. 1961. He married first **Daisy E. Duff** in 1906 in Jackson County, Illinois, and he married second **Martha Gifford**. All children were by the first marriage:
1. **Carrie Ethel Smith**, b. 7 Dec 1908, d. 3 Sep 1977. She married **Arthur Amos Morgan, Sr.** on 30 Dec 1929 in Randolph County, Illinois. Her obituary names several children:[265]
    a. **Arthur Amos Morgan, Jr.**, b. 1930, d. 1998.
    b. **Mary Helen Morgan**, b. 22 Feb 1931, d. 18 Apr 2005. She married **Mr. Jung**.
    c. **Joe Edd Morgan**, b. 7 Sep 1932, d. 26 Dec 2014.
    d. **Lola Mae Morgan**, b. about 1936. She married **Mr. Poenitske**.
    e. **John Morgan**.
    f. **George Morgan**.
    g. **Charles Morgan**.
2. **Cora E. Smith**, b. 27 Jun 1910, d. Mar 1984. She married **Charles W. Glodo** (a second great grandson of **Aaron Davis**).

[263] Ancestry.com's *U.S. Obituary Collection, 1930-2017*, Ethel Eatherly.
[264] Ancestry.com's *Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947, FHL Film # 1753857*, Sarah Day.
[265] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 85, No. 208, Tuesday, 6 Sep 1977*, page 21, column 5, second article, Carrie E. Morgan.

3. **Esther Grace Smith**, b. 20 Dec 1911, d. 29 Sep 1990. She married **William Carol Davis, Sr.** (a second great grandson of **Amos Davis**). See 7h above for a list of their descendants.
4. **Iva Marie Smith**, b. 28 Mar 1914, d. 23 Apr 2001. She married first **Mr. Morgan**, and she later married **Clyde H. Bittle**. She had at least one daughter by the first marriage:
    a. **Louise Morgan**, b. about 1935.
5. **Ada Jane Smith**, b. 19 Oct 1916, d. 12 Jun 1984. She married **William St. Patrick Popejoy** on 11 May 1933 in Jackson County, Illinois.
    a. **Jim R. Popejoy**, b. 11 Apr 1934, d. 26 Jun 2012. He married **Ruby Compton** on 29 Jun 1957 in Lordsburg, New Mexico.[266]
        i. **Charlotte Ann Popejoy**. She married **Mr. Jimenez**.
        ii. **Jim "Buck" Popejoy**.
        iii. **Robert Popejoy**.
        iv. **Mark Popejoy**.
        v. **Randy Popejoy**.
        vi. **Sherry Popejoy**.
        vii. **Stephanie Popejoy**. She married **Jeff Oliver**.
        viii. **Jenny Popejoy**. She married **Jesse Phillips**.
        ix. **Barbara Popejoy**. She married **Mr. Hubbler**.
    b. **Mary Jane Popejoy**, b. about 1936. She married **Mr. Guy**.
    c. **Vera June Popejoy**, b. about 1937. She married **Mr. Cross**.
    d. **Betty Ann Popejoy**, b. 13 Nov 1937, d. 8 Nov 2012. She married **Delbert Klein** on 8 Nov 1958 in Randolph County, Illinois.[267]
        i. **Lisa Klein**. She married **Kevin Morgan**.
    e. **Wilma Popejoy**, b. about 1939. She married **Mr. Cross**.
    f. **William W. "Nick" "Bud" Popejoy**, b. 8 Sep 1940, d. 22 Apr 2011. He married **Sandra Arline Miller** 21 Sep 1962.[268]
        i. **Greg Popejoy**.

[266] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 119, No. 176, Wednesday, 27 Jun 2012*, page 4B, column 4, first article, Jim Popejoy.
[267] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume119, No. 311, Friday, 9 Nov 2012*, page 4B, column 5, second article, Betty Klein.
[268] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 118, No. 113, Sunday, 24 Apr 2011*, page 4B, column 5, second article, William Popejoy.

ii. **Kim Popejoy**. She married **Robert Kranawetter**.

g. **Donna Popejoy**. She married first **Mr. Searcy** and second **Mr. Waters**.

h. **Salle Popejoy**. She married **Mr. Sarenson**.

i. **Barbara Sue Popejoy**. She married **Mr. Young**.

j. **Betty Sue Popejoy**. She married **Mr. Wallace**.

6. **Erville B. Smith**, b. 17 Sep 1919, d. 9 Nov 1983. She married **Clifford Norman Weatherford**.
7. **Murry I. Smith**, b. 7 Jul 1931, d. 21 Mar 1953. He married **Annie Sadie Carpenter**.[269]
   a. **Elmer Nolan Smith**.
   b. **Janelle Smith**.
   c. **Renee Smith**.
   d. **Doyla Smith**.
   e. **Robert Smith**.
   f. **William Smith**.
8. **Joseph C. Smith**, b. 1 Aug 1923, d. 17 Jun 1982. His obituary doesn't mention the name of his wife.[270]
   a. **Norma Jean Smith**.
   b. **Evelyn Smith**.
   c. **Linda Smith**.
9. **Mary Elizabeth Smith**, b. 23 Jun 1925, d. 24 Sep 2014. She married first **Charles Thomas Anderson** on 1 Jun 1940 in Jackson County, Illinois. She married second **Howard Leo Aufrecht** on 22 May 1993. Her surviving children were:[271]
   a. **Betty Anderson**. She married **Charles Benson**.
   b. **Mary Jane Anderson**. She married **Bob Hunziker**.
   c. **Brenda Anderson**. She married **Burl Richeson**.
   d. **Doris Anderson**. She married **Mr. Stein**.
10. **Anna Mae Smith**, b. 25 Jan 1928, d. 27 May 2004. She married first **Mr. Metz**, second **Mr. Grahs** and third **Mr. Luse**.
11. **Lloyd L. Smith**, b. 10 Oct 1931, d. 30 Jul 2006. He married first **Alice Wright**, and later married **Shirley LaBruyce** on 29 May 2004 in Payne County, Oklahoma.

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[269] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 120, No. 5, Saturday, 5 Jan 2013*, page 6, column 1, second article, Obituaries: Elmer Smith.

[270] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume90, No. 143, Sunday, 20 Jun 1982*, page 20, column 3, third article, Deaths: Joseph C. Smith.

[271] *thesouthern.com/news/local/obituaries/mary-aufrecht/article_ac8a38ad-1ee1-554a-4a6-19888c16bfe0.html*, the obituary of Mary Aufrecht. Accessed 15 Nov 2017.

ii. **Harry Alvin Smith**, b. 17 Jul 1886, d. 7 Jun 1961. He married **Ina Estella Barnett**.[272]
   1. **Edna Ruth Smith**, b. 28 Sep 1906, d. 23 Jul 1907.
   2. **Della Gertrude Smith**, b. 25 Dec 1907, d. 20 Aug 2001. She married **John Boswell**.
   3. **O. Alvin Smith**, b. about 1914.
   4. **Helen Lorraine Smith**, b. 21 Jul 1916, d. 30 Oct 1997. She married **John Russell Marshall Miller**.
      a. **Barbara Lee Miller**, b. 3 Nov 1940.

iii. **Mary Etta Smith**, b. 23 Mar 1889, d. 24 Feb 1974. She married **Luther Hervey McBride** on 24 Apr 1910 in Randolph County, Illinois.[273]
   1. **Ruth L. McBride**, b. 7 Mar 1911, d. Jul 1984. She married first **Orville N. Thompson** in 1928. She married second **Herman F. Moehrs** on 17 Mar 1947 in Union County, Illinois. Her obituary lists one daughter:[274]
      a. **Melba Dena Thompson**, b. 26 May 1934, d. 26 Jan 2012. She married **Jim Helms**.
   2. **Lester Earl McBride**, b. 1 May 1912, d. 18 Jan 1988. He married first **Mildred Lucille Reiman**, and he married second **Helen Wills**.
   3. **Vernon Woodrow McBride**, b. 16 Nov 1916, d. 3 Sep 1972. He married first **Maude J. Johnson**, he married second **May Juanita Bock** on 16 Aug 1952, and he married third **Joann Enger**. He had a son by the first marriage, and a daughter (mother not determined):[275]
      a. **Vernon Trent McBride**, b. 17 Oct 1940, d. 13 Apr 2002.
      b. **Mary C. McBride**. She married **Mr. Condor**.
   4. **Evelyn K. McBride**, b. 23 Aug 1920, d. Sep 1963. She married first **Troy Hamblen**, she married second **Fred Edward Kessel**, and she married third **Earl Thompson**.[276]
      a. **Harold Wayne Hamblen**, b.
      b. **Mike Kessel**.
      c. **Jerry Kessel**.
   5. **Kendell N. McBride**, b. 12 Mar 1922, d. 2 Mar 2009.

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[272] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 69, No. 97, Friday, 9 Jun 1961*, page 18, column 1, fifth notice, Harry Smith, Former Ava Resident, Dies.
[273] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 76, No. 171, Sunday, 21 Jul 1968*, page 14, column 7, second article, Luther McBride, Ava, Services Monday.
[274] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), West Edition, Volume 92, No. 164, Wednesday, 11 Jul 1984*, page 14, column 3, second article, Ruth L. Moehrs.
[275] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 80, No. 210, Tuesday, 5 Sep 1972*, page 18, column 4, first article, Vernon W. McBride.
[276] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 71, No. 219, Tuesday, 17 Sep 1963*, page 6, column 5, second article, Thompson Rites Set.

e. **William Thomas Tope**, b. 17 Jan 1876, d. 8 Apr 1951. He married first **Ollie A. Philbrick**, and he married second **Mary Moore**. All children were by the first marriage:[277]
   i. **Effie M. Tope**, b. 29 Nov 1899, d. 1 Apr 1985. She married **Arthur Walter Rohlfing**, and they had five children together:
      1. **William Ray Rohlfing**, b. 24 Sep 1920, d. 3 Feb 1999. He married **Frances Ann Dolce** on 15 Feb 1947 in Jackson County, Illinois. They had one son:[278]
         a. **Rodney Rohlfing**.
      2. **Vera Mae Rohlfing**, b. 24 Jan 1924, d. 21 Mar 2008. She married **Harold Dale Enders** on 10 Apr 1947 in Arkansas. They had two children:[279]
         a. **Terri Enders**. She married **Mr. Kneir**.
         b. **Jerry Enders**.
      3. **Lola E. Rohlfing**, b. 3 May 1925, d. 7 Feb 2002. She married **Mr. Moeller**, and they had three sons:[280]
         a. **Lawrence O. Moeller**.
         b. **Randall J. Moeller**.
         c. **Donald R. Moeller**.
      4. **Lester A. Rohlfing**, b. 2 Jan 1928, d. 6 Jul 2007. He married **Dorris A. Cooper** on 21 Jan 1951 in Pemiscot County, Missouri. They had one son:[281]
         a. **Mark Rohlfing**.
      5. **Kenneth E. Rohlfing**, b. 24 Oct 1939. He married **Ruth Welp** on 4 Jun 1950 in Jackson County, Illinois.
   ii. **Leo Franklin Tope**, b. 1 Dec 1901, d. 17 Sep 1993. He married **Mabel Elsie Holliday** on 20 Nov 1922 in Jackson County, Illinois. His obituary his children:[282]
      1. **William Edward Tope**, b. 18 Mar 1924, d. 17 Mar 1998. He married **Betty L. Sharp** on 3 Mar 1946 in Randolph County, Illinois. They had seven children, only some of whom have been identified:
         a. **Lou Ann Tope**. She married **Carol Kilpatrick**.
         b. **William D. Tope**. He married **Colette R. Fritsche**.

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[277] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 59, No. 84, Tuesday, 10 Apr 1951*, page 11, column 2, first paragraph. The obituary for W. T. Tope.
[278] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 107, No. 36, Friday, 5 Feb 1999*, page 3B, column 5, first article, Ray Rohlfing.
[279] *The Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 115, No. 82, Saturday, 22 Mar 2008*, page 3B, column 3, second article, Vera M. Enders.
[280] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 11036916. Headstone photo, picture and an obituary transcribed from St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Accessed 15 Nov 2017.
[281] *https://obittree.com/obituary/us/illinois/ava/wilson-funeral-homes/life-legacy/3014745/*, the life legacy of Lester A. Rohlfing.
[282] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 101, No. 262, Sunday, 19 Sep 1993*, page 7B, column 2, second article, Leo Tope.

c. **Linda Sue Tope**. She married **Jimmie Walter Rathert**.
d. **Edward Lee Tope**. He married **Deborah Lynn Rees**.

2. **Gene Donald Tope**, b. He married **Kathryn (Martin) Ripley** on 8 Oct 1950 in Clay County, Arkansas.[283]
3. **Lee Roy Tope**, b. 19 Jul 1927, d. 12 Mar 1998. He married first **Billie Marie Madden** on 9 Oct 1949 and he married second **Virginia Joyce (Byrd) Race** on 25 Aug 1982 in Jackson County, Illinois.
   a. **Terry Tope**.
   b. **Brenda Tope**. She married **Mr. Brown**.
   c. **David Tope**.
   d. **Alan Tope**.
   e. **Gil B. Tope**. He married **Marsha Atkins**.[284]
      i. **Krystal Tope**.
4. **Jewell Tope**, b. 19 Jul 1931. She married **Robert L. Levan** on 13 Aug 1950 in Jackson County, Illinois. They had two children:[285]
   a. **Mike Levan**.
   b. **Gayle Levan**. She married **Mark Bradley**.
5. **June Tope**, b. about 1934. She married **Jim Jeffers**.
6. **Barbara D. Tope**, b. about 1936. He married **Marvin "Glen" Heiple** on 8 Oct 1955. His obituary documents a large family:[286]
   a. **Bill Heiple**.
   b. **Harold Heiple**.
   c. **Kelly Heiple**.
   d. **Mark Heiple**.
   e. **Sandy Heiple**. She married **Tom Ince**.
   f. **Tammy Heiple**. She married **Jeff Hines**.
   g. **Theresa Lyn Heiple**. She married **Barry Lynn Davis**.
7. **Beverly J. Tope**, b. about 1939. She married **Joe Eldon Bryant** on 10 Aug 1957.[287]
   a. **Jeffrey Bryant**.
   b. **Randall Bryant**.

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[283] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 73, No. 52, Wednesday, 3 Mar 1965*, page 10, column 1, second article, Gene Tope Dies.
[284] *The Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 113, No. 34, Friday, 3 Feb 2006*, page 3B, column 2, first article, Gil B. Tope.
[285] *The Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 115, No. 179, Friday, 27 Jun 2008*, page 3B, column 3, first article, Robert L. Levan.
[286] *The Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 119, No. 233, Tuesday, 28 Aug 2012*, page 7A, column 1, first article, Obituaries: Marvin Heiple.
[287] *The Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 110, No. 39, Saturday, 8 Feb 2003*, page 3B, column 2, first article, Joe Bryant.

c. **Russell Bryant**.
d. **Rhonda Bryant**. She married **Robert Roach**.
e. **Rita Bryant**. She married **Michael Feaman**.
f. **Regina Bryant**. She married **Curt Pierson**.
g. **Richard Bryant**.

8. **Margie Tope**. She married **Ronald Heiman**.
9. **DeFlaine Tope**. She married **Irvin Phoenix**.

iii. **Myrtle Edna Tope**, b. 1903, d. 29 Jul 1961. She married **William Fuhrhop** on 24 Dec 1925 in Jackson County, Illinois.

1. **William A. Fuhrhop**, b. 27 Nov 1927, d. 14 Oct 2015.
2. **Charles E. "Tod" Fuhrhop**, b. 12 Sep 1930.

iv. **Ivah E. Tope**, b. 24 Apr 1906, d. May 1989. She married **Floyd Monroe Summers** on 17 Apr 1926 in Jackson County, Illinois.

1. **Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Summers**, b. 18 Nov 1926.
2. **Thomas Frederick Summers**, b. 19 Aug 1928, d. 12 Oct 1994.

v. **Minnie Ellen Tope**, b. about 1913, d. 1992. She married **Henry John Weseloh** on 18 Mar 1933.

1. **Shirley Weseloh**, b. about 1937.
2. **Sancha Weseloh**, b. about 1938.

vi. **Mary Evelyn Tope**, b. 14 Jul 1915, d. May 1979. She married **Lloyd Morrow**.

1. **Delores Mae "Dee" Morrow**, b. 7 Sep 1936, d. 16 Feb 1997. **She married Tanner Morrow**.[288]
   a. **Scott Morrow**.
   b. **Cheryl L. Morrow**. She married **David Ruth**.
   c. **Vicki Morrow**. She married **Dennis Schwade**.
   d. **Denise "Renee" Morrow**. She married **Kermit E. Brinkman**.

6. **DORCAS HENSON**, b. about 1846. She married **John Penrod** on 19 Sep 1865.

[288] *https://www.baue.com/obit/tanner-e-morrow/*, the obituary for Tanner E. Morrow. Accessed 16 Nov 2017.

Priscilla Matilda (Davis) Bradshaw

Priscilla Matilda Davis was the wife of John Bradshaw. They likely married in Jackson County, Illinois in the late 1820s, and, as such, record of their marriage was destroyed in the 1843 courthouse fire. She is said to have been buried in the Boon Cemetery, having been born on 4 Mar 1813 in Louisiana. She died in Jackson County on 16 Sep 1878.[289]

In the 1850 Census for Jackson County, Illinois, they are found in the Northern District with children Elisha, Josiah D., Eliza E., Benjamin F. and Robert.

In the 1860 Census, Matilda and John are living in Township 8, Range 5W (northeastern Jackson County) with children Benjamin, Robert, Sophia, James and Edward.

In the 1870 Census, Matilda is living with her son James, age 16, and four others.

See comments later in this chapter, in the section about Michael Davis, concerning his estate, as John Bradshaw had been assigned as administrator of Michael's estate. Unfortunately, he died prior to finalizing the probate.

John Bradshaw died on 21 Sep 1867. His probate records, which were administered by Aaron Easterly, are scattered across several files at Ancestry.com (meaning that the originals stored in the Southern Illinois IRAD are a bit of a mess). In an Affidavit of Decease and Names of Heirs dated 1 Oct 1867, his only heirs were his wife, and children James Bradshaw and Sophronia Bradshaw.[290] But in a Petition to Sell Real Estate dated 3 Sep 1869, his heirs included: Matilda Bradshaw, James Bradshaw, Elizabeth E. Glodo (wife of Joseph V. Glodo), Sophronia Glodo (wife of Nicholas Glodo), Elisha Bradshaw, Benjamin F. Bradshaw, Cynthia C. Woodward (wife of Daniel Woodward) and Elisha Silas Bradshaw. Of the latter two individuals, the female was a granddaughter, the daughter of William Bradshaw. Thus, it is likely that Elisha Silas Bradshaw was a grandson, though by which son is not known. The most likely candidate is Josiah, as he is the only other known son who died prior to his father and was old enough to have married. No further record of Elisha Silas Bradshaw has been found.

1. **WILLIAM BRADSHAW**, b. about 1828, d. 1 Jun 1867. He married **Emeline Herring** on 4 Jun 1849. After William's death, Emeline married first a **Mr. Woolrick** and second **Nicholas V. Glodo**. In her estate file, she lists her only surviving heirs at the time of her death (29 Sep 1873) as **Cinthia** [sic] **Woodward** and **Elisha S. Bradshaw**.[291]
    a. **George Bradshaw**, b. about 1851.
    b. **Cynthia Catherine Bradshaw**, b. about 1853. She married first **Daniel Woodward** in 1868, and second **Mr. Dorway**.
        i. **Francis Woodward**, b. about 1869.
        ii. **Adolphus Woodward**, b. about 1874.
        iii. **Adaline Dorway**, b. about 1877.

[289] *Find A Grave, Memorial #177397592* (no headstone photo).
[290] *Illinois, Jackson County, Probate Files, Division A, Box 4*, file 157.
[291] *Illinois, Jackson County, Probate Files, Division A, Box number blank*, File 948.

iv. **Mary Dorway**, b. Sep 1879.

c. **Elisha Silas Bradshaw**, b. about 1862.

2. **ELISHA NOAH BRADSHAW**, b. 31 Dec 1833. He married first **Amanda Bilderback** on 22 Sep 1853 and second the widow **Elizabeth J. (Childers) Lester** on 29 Nov 1870. In the 1900 Census, Elizabeth stated that she had given birth to nine children, only four of whom were alive at that time. In his will, Elisha names his wife Elizabeth (his administrix), children **Sigmund**, **America**, **Ellis** and **Benona** (all children of his second wife, thus her four children who were living in 1900), and granddaughter **Mary Elizabeth Layne** (the daughter of his second daughter by his first wife).[292]
   a. **John Bradshaw**, b. about 1856.
   b. **Nancy Jane Bradshaw**, b. about 1865, d. about 1890. She married **Wiley Robert Layne** on 16 May 1889. She likely died after the birth of her only child, as Wiley married **Anna A. Pinkerton** on 18 Jun 1891.
      i. **Mary Elizabeth "Mayme" Layne**, b. 29 May 1890, d. 28 Nov 1962. In the 1910 Census she is living with her aunt and grandmother, as her father and his new wife had moved to Nebraska. She married first to **Vincent Samuel Gillooly**. She later married **Herman Watson**.[293]
         1. **James Christian Gillooly**, b. 11 Dec 1912, d. 18 Jul 1984. He married **Anna Mae Austin** on 23 Dec 1939 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.[294]
         2. **Robert Vincent Gillooly**, b. 2 May 1914, d. 11 Mar 1972.[295] He married first **Marguerite Walker** on 26 Apr 1941 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He was married again on 10 Aug 1970 in Jonesboro, Union County, Illinois to **Ivalene Odum**.
         3. **Thomas Henry Gillooly**, b. 18 Feb 1916, d. 8 Dec 1917.[296]
         4. **Vincent Samuel "Sammy" Gillooly**, b. 22 Apr 1919 d. 25 Apr 2000. He married **Candace Snyder** on 12 Mar 1939 in Scott County, Missouri.[297]
            a. **Tom Gillooly**.
            b. **Jerry Gillooly**.
            c. **Patty Gillooly**. She married **John Reising**.
            d. **Jeannie Gillooly**. She married **Larry Huffman**.

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[292] *Illinois, Jackson County, Probate Files, Division A, Box 9*, file 355.
[293] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 70, No. 280, Page 22, Column 1, Wednesday, November 28, 1962,* Mrs. Watson Dies (obituary).
[294] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 40603562. No headstone photo. The memorial contains an unsourced obituary for James Gillooly.
[295] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 80, No. 62, page 14, Column 8 last article, Monday, March 13, 1972*, Robert Gilloolly (obituary).
[296] Ancestry.com's *Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947, FHL Film* # 1543603.
[297] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 40605863. Headstone photo. The memorial contains an unsourced obituary for Sammy Gillooly.

5. **Mary Elizabeth Gillooly**, b. 15 Mar 1922, d. 4 Nov 1994.[298]
6. **Patrick Gillooly**, b. 11 Dec 1924, d. 2 Dec 1999. He married **Mary Ann Burd** on 12 Jul 1946 in Washington, District of Columbia.[299]
    a. **Linda Gillooly**. She married **Mr. Cramer**.
    b. **Nancy Gillooly**. She married **Mr. Voss**.
7. **Edythe G. Gillooly**, b. 25 Feb 1927. She married **Brooks Eugene Sloan**.[300]
    a. **Mike Sloan**.
    b. **Kathi Sloan**. She married **Mr. Hoorman**.
    c. **Janalee Sloan**. She married **Mr. Kirk**.

c. **America Ellen Bradshaw**, b. 20 Aug 1871, d. 21 Aug 1912. She married **Jasper Frank Claussen** on 25 Oct 1891 in Jackson County, Illinois. In the 1900 Census, she reported having given birth to two children, both of who were alive at that time. The 1910 Census shows that she had given birth to five children, one of whom (Lura) had died since the prior Census.
    i. **Lura Claussen**, b. Aug 1892, d. before the 1910 Census.
    ii. **Edna Claussen**, b. 26 Jun 1897, d. 29 Apr 1943. She married **Murray Albert Herring** (they were divorced by 1923, when Murray married **Mary E. Englen**). Census records show that they had three children together, all of whom are found living at the Christian Church Children's Home in the 1930 Census, though their mother was still living at the time (she attested to her son Albert's death certificate in 1936):
        1. **Albert Herring**, b. 27 Jan 1915, d. 31 Dec 1936.[301]
        2. **Alberta Aleen Herring**, b. 7 Jul 1916, d. 15 Dec 1998. She married **Harry B. Ledbetter**. The 1940 Census records one son:[302]
            a. **Harry Lee Ledbetter**, b. 28 Jan 1940, d. 4 May 2007.
        3. **Raymond Lester Herring**, b. 13 Aug 1918, d. 13 Aug 1940. He married **Geraldine**.[303]
    iii. **Oscar Andrew Claussen**, b. 27 Apr 1903, d. 14 Jul 1973. He married first **Cloddie Johnson** on 2 Sep 1922 in Arkansas and

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[298] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 40360143. Headstone photo. The memorial contains an unsourced obituary for Mary E Gillooly.
[299] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 699020. No headstone photo. The memorial contains the image of an unsourced obituary for Pat Gillooly.
[300] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 111208643. Headstone photo. The memorial contains an obituary for Brooks E. Sloan that was published by Pettett Funeral Home, Murphysboro, Illinois.
[301] *Missouri State Board of Health, Certificate of Death, Registration District 791, Primary Registration District 1003*, File No. 47104, Registered No. 16.
[302] Ancestry.com's *U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007*, SSN 556483815, Harry Lee Ledbetter.
[303] Ancestry.com's *Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947, FHL Film # 1832232*, Raymond Herring.

second **Pearlie Mae Sibole** on 5 Oct 1923 in Stoddard County, Missouri. There were several children by the second marriage:

1. **Thelma Clella Claussen**, b. about 1926.
2. **James Frank Claussen**, b. 20 Apr 1927, d. 1 Aug 1991.[304] He married **Evelyn**.
3. **Mary Ellen Claussen**, b. 30 Nov 1928. She married **Mathew Joseph Blanton** on 1 May 1948 in St. Charles County, Missouri.
4. **Dortha Mae "Dottie" Claussen**, b. 14 Feb 1931, d. 23 Sep 1995.[305] She married **Norval Hugh Sanders**. They had at least one son together:
    a. **Rex Alan Sanders**.
5. **Andrew "Bud" Claussen**, b. 4 Jan 1933, d. 19 Jul 2015.[306] He married **Darlene F. Eggemeyer**. They had at least one daughter:
    a. **Tina Marie Claussen**.
6. **William E. "Bill" Claussen**, b. about 1934. He married **Ann**.
7. **Robert Leroy Claussen**, b. 5 May 1936, d. 4 Jan 2015. He married **Ann** around 1960. They had three children (order of birth not known):[307]
    a. **Debi Claussen**. She married **Mr. Barbre**.
    b. **Lisa Claussen**. She married **Mr. Worry**.
    c. **Robert Claussen, Jr**.
8. **Jerry Lester Claussen**, b. 4 Dec 1938, 25 Jan 1986.[308] He married **Trinidad G. Sigua** on 7 Feb 1983 in Clark County, Nevada.
9. **Donna Carol Claussen**, b. 13 Jun 1944, d. 30 Dec 1965.[309]
10. **Micki Claussen**. She married **Mr. Mathers**.
11. **Richard "Rick" Claussen**.

iv. **Mildred Loucindia Claussen**, b. 29 Sep 1905, d. 1 Jan 2001. She married **Leo Bernard Paulus** in Perry County, Missouri, and they had a large family together:

1. **Leo Raymond Paulus**, b. 17 Feb 1924, d. 18 Feb 1924.[310]

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[304] Ancestry.com's *California Death Index 1940-1997, SSN* 360169010, James F. Clausen.
[305] Ancestry.com's *U. S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007, SSN* 331244082, Dortha Mae Claussen.
[306] *Advantagenews.com/obituaries/Andrew-bud-claussen/*, obituary for Andrew "Bud" Claussen.
[307] *Cook-walden-forest-oaks.com/dignitymemorial/obituary/Robert-Leroy-Claussen-102038372*, obituary for Robert Leroy Claussen.
[308] Ancestry.com's *U. S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007, SSN* 350300729, Jerry Lester Claussen.
[309] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 148881779. Headstone photo and sourced obituary from the *Alton Evening Telegraph*.
[310] Ancestry.com's *Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947, FHL Film* # 1452445.

2. **Bernard F. "Booze" Paulus**, b. 10 Feb 1925, d. 22 Mar 2008. He married **Rose Moonier** on 22 Nov 1947. One son survived him:[311]
    a. **Bruce Bernard Paulus**. He married **Barbara Lynn Oehl**.
3. **Mildred Eileen Paulus**, b. 9 Sep 1927, d. 19 Feb 1990.[312]
4. **Pauline Ellen Paulus**, b. 24 Sep 1930, d. 1 Feb 2013.[313] She married **Francis E. Tucker** on 18 Aug 1956.
    a. **Eugene F. Tucker**. He married **Mary**.
    b. **James L. Tucker**. He married **Marilyn**.
    c. **Jerry L. Tucker**. He married **Stacy**.
    d. **Barbara L. Tucker**.
5. **Roger L. Paulus** b. 22 May 1932. He married **Margaret M. Gregory** on 23 Nov 1959 in Perry County, Missouri.
6. **Harold E. Paulus**, b. 6 Dec 1933. He married **Rudell E. Devenyns** on 11 Sep 1954 in Perry County, Missouri.
7. **Kenneth J. Paulus**, b. 1 Apr 1935. He married **Patricia Ann Zoellner** on 29 Jun 1957.
8. **James Gilbert Paulus**, b. 3 Aug 1936, d. 16 May. He married **Loretta E. Winschel** on 5 Oct 1957 in Perry County, Missouri.[314]
    a. **Diane Paulus**. She married **Larry Bleikamp**.
    b. **Donna Paulus**. She married **Bill Burch**.
    c. **Linda Paulus**. She married **Rick Ashby**.
    d. **Janet Paulus**. She married **Craig Mueller**.
    e. **Carol Paulus**. She married **Joe Porter**.
    f. **Doris Paulus**. She married **Craig Reed**.
    g. **Sherri Paulus**. She married **Adam Dahlheim**.
    h. **Steve Paulus**. He married **Kim**.
    i. **Kevin Paulus**. He married **Susie**.
9. **Oliver Anthony "Obie" Paulus**, b. 29 Oct 1937, d. 6 Jul 2000.[315]
    a. **Craig Paulus**.
    b. **Mark Paulus**.
    c. **Mike Paulus**.
    d. **Scott Paulus**.
    e. **Karen Paulus**. **She married Mr. Wind**.
10. **Mary Edna Paulus** b. 27 Aug 1939. She married **Donald G. Dyer**.

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[311] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 26088366. Headstone and an unsourced obituary.
[312] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 26952830. Headstone photo.
[313] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 105806474. No headstone photo. Transcribed obituary from Miller Family Funeral Home.
[314] *www.legacy.com/obituaries/stltoday/obituary.aspx?n=loretta-e-paulus-winschel&pid=119528235*. Obituary for Loretta E. (Winschel) Paulus.
[315] *www.suntimesnews.com/perryville/obits/2000obits/july_00obits/july3paulus.htm*. Obituary for Oliver A. (Obie) Paulus. Accessed 1 Nov 2017.

a. **Donald G. Dyer**.

11. **Robert J. "Bob" Paulus**, 14 Sep 1941.
12. **Russell Paulus**, 2 Nov 1943.
13. **Elta A Paulus**, b. 6 Mar 1945. She married **Thomas L. Cattoor**.[316]
    a. **Cheryl Cattoor**. She married **Leo Fischer**.
    b. **Chris Cattoor**. He married **Alice**.
    c. **Dave Cattoor**. He married **Kellee**.
    d. **Chad Cattoor**. He married **Tonya**.
14. **Mick Paulus**, 30 Jul 1947.

v. **Oliver Austin Claussen**, b. 6 May 1909, d. 22 Oct 1980. He married **Helen Doris Bockhorn** on 21 Jun 1930 in St Clair County, Illinois.[317]
    1. **Barb Claussen**. She married **Mr. Fricke**.

d. **Benona Theodore Bradshaw**, b. 23 Oct 1872, d. 31 May 1958. He married first **Alice Creath** on 25 Oct 1893, and second **Ollie Jarrett** in 1908. He had two daughters by his second wife

i. **Pearl E. Bradshaw**, b. 13 Jun 1909, d. 22 Sep 1992. She married **Thomas E. Maness** on 19 Mar 1924 in St Louis County, Missouri.
    1. **Dorothy Naomi Maness**, b. 30 Jun 1925, d. 11 Nov 2000. She married **Felix Green Pinkston**.[318]
        a. **Sandra Pinkston**. She married **Mr. Goldsmith**.
        b. **Renee Pinkston**. She married **Mr. Fowler**.
    2. **Laverne Ruth Maness**, b. 7 Feb 1928, d. 11 Apr 1986.
    3. **Glenna Louise Maness**, b. 22 Aug 1932, d. 30 Mar 1999. She married **Earl Thomas Cornwell**.[319]
        a. **Shawn Louise Cornwell**.
        b. **Vicki L. Cornwell**. She married **Mr. Ketcherside**.
        c. **Staci J. Cornwell**. She married **Jerry Talbott**.
    4. **Vira Sue Maness**, b. 21 Aug 1947. She married first **Edward Faulkner Friedemann, Jr.**, and married second **Phill Ellis Phillips**.[320]
        a. **Courtney Friedemann**.
    5. **Karen Faith Maness**, b. 3 Dec 1944, d. 10 Dec 2013. She married **William W. Greer**.

ii. **Vira Edna Bradshaw**, b. about 1911. She married **John Everett Tweedy**. Census records identify two of their children:
    1. **Delores G. Tweedy**, b. 3 Sep 1930. She married **Charles Joseph Kessler** on 13 Oct 1948.

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[316] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 25015821. Headstone photo and unsourced obituary.
[317] *www.chesterillinois.com/obits/obitarcives/2003obits/0609claussen.htm*. Obituary for Helen Claussen. Accessed 1 Nov 2017.
[318] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 22454068. Headstone photo and obituary transcribed from *The Winona Times*.
[319] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 22219037. Headstone photo and an obituary for Earl T. "Tom" Cornwell transcribed from *The Belleville News-Democrat*.
[320] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 113097916. Headstone photo and unsourced obituary Phill Ellis Phillips.

a. **Rebecca Kessler**. She married **David Russow**.
b. **Deborah Kessler**. She married **Paul Roberts**.

2. **Charles E. Tweedy**, b. 8 Sep 1932.

e. **Ellis Bradshaw**, b. 4 Feb 1876, d. 7 Jan 1968. He married **Onna Belle Welchel** on 7 Nov 1896. Census records show a large family (Note: in the 1900 Census there is an "**Everet Bradshaw**," who was actually **Everett Welchel**, who was listed as a stepson in the 1910 Census):

i. **Ethel Ellen Bradshaw**, b. 15 Aug 1897, d. 30 Sep 1990.[321] She married **Delmer Britton Reeves**, and they had a large family:

1. **Ruby Marie Reeves**, b. 12 May 1917, d. 12 Jul 2004. She married **Bruce Eugene Prater** on 10 Apr 1937 in Saint Louis Missouri, and they had at least four children together (order of birth not known):[322]

a. **Richard Lewis Prater**, b. 20 Aug 1939, d. 9 Nov 2007. He married **Laura Mae Sowell** on 7 May 1983.
b. **Robert Eugene Prater**, b. 18 May 1938. He married **Leilani Lee Craford** on 18 Apr 1958.
c. **Debra L. Prater**. She married **Roland "Tommy" Akers**.
d. **Barbara J. Prater**. She married **Cordell "Sonnie" Fouts**.

2. **Lawrence Bethel Reeves**, b. 24 Mar 1919, d. 26 Jan 1982. He married **Betty Jane Duncan**, and they had at least one daughter together:

a. **Judy Sue Reeves**. She married **Rolen Norman Fry**,[323] and they had at least three children (order of birth not known):

i. **Michael Fry**.
ii. **Mary Fry**.
iii. **Susan Fry**. She married **Dan Narup**.

3. **Mildred Alberta Reeves**, b. 29 Sep 1920, d. 8 Apr 2004.[324] She married **Paul Isaak Luhtala** on 27 Apr 1945 in Pierce County, Washington.

4. **Herbert Ellis Reeves**, b. 2 Feb 1924, d. 26 Nov 1996.[325] He married **Maxine Frazier** on 24 Dec 1947 in Saint Louis Missouri.

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[321] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 45251240. Headstone photo, shared with Delmer B. Reeves.
[322] www.ancestry.com/boards/localities.northam.states.missouri.counties.franklin/20092/mb.ashx?pnt=1, transcribed obituary of Ruby Marie Prater. Accessed 3 Nov 2017.
[323] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 107093686. No headstone photo. Transcribed obituary from Wostrom Funeral Home and Crematory for Rolen Norman Fry.
[324] Ancestry.com's *U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007, SSN* 92204170.
[325] Ancestry.com's *U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007, SSN* 500162414.

5. **Delmer McKinley Reeves**, b. 9 Jun 1926, d. 24 Dec 2003.[326] He married **Edna Lois Cheney** on 9 Jan 1945 in Saint Louis Missouri.
6. **Robert Reeves** b. about 1929.
7. **Beulah Mae Reeves**, b. 2 Oct 1930, d. 8 Feb 2015.[327] She married **Raymond B. Harasek** in 1952 in New York City, New York. They had seven children, though only one daughter has been identified:
    a. **Lauren Harasek**.
8. **David James Reeves**, b. 7 Feb 1934, d. 7 May 2007.[328] He married **Norma Jean Loehr**.
9. **Charles Reeves**, b. 17 Mar 1940. He married **Rita S**.

ii. **Lennie Bradshaw**, b. 22 Feb 1899, d. 15 Sep 1968.

iii. **William Mack Bradshaw**, b. 4 Nov 1900, d. 16 Aug 1957.[329] He married **Iola Amanda Cross**.

iv. **Elizabeth C. "Lizzie" Bradshaw**, b. 1902, d. 30 Nov 2004.[330] She married **Dorce Nathaniel Craig**, and they had two daughters:
1. **Edna Elizabeth Craig**, b. 27 Jan 1921, d. Oct 1995. She married **William Clay Mathes**.
2. **Katheryn Craig**, b. about 1923. She married **Arthur Hooks**.

v. **Anna Barbara Bradshaw**, b. 14 Oct 1904, d. 26 Oct 1986. She married **Charles Irwin Carmack**, and they had four children:
1. **Norma Irene Carmack**, b. 4 Sep 1926, d. 11 Nov 1992. She married first **Harold Lee**, and married second **Edgar Joseph Delatte**. She had at least one child by the first marriage:
    a. **Barbara Dale Lee**. She married **Lawrence Joseph Dupuy**.
2. **Bernice Anna Carmack**, b. 30 Nov 1928, 19 Mar 1931.
3. **William Irving Carmack**, b.9 Oct 1930, d. 6 Sep 2007. He married **Jean Abadie**, and they had at least three children:[331]
    a. **Debra Lynn Carmack**.
    b. **Gary Michael Carmack**.
    c. **Cindy Jean Carmack**.

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[326] Ancestry.com's *U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007, SSN* 490225269.
[327] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 142451886. No headstone photo. The memorial contains a sourced obituary for Beulah M. Harasek that was published in *NY Newsday*. Accessed 3 Nov 2017.
[328] *www.legacy.com/obituaries/stltoday/obituary/aspx?page=lifestory&pid=87933214*, obituary for David J. Reeves. Accessed 3 Nov 2017.
[329] *Missouri Division of Health, Standard Certificate of Death, Reg. Dist. 318, Primary Reg. Dist. 1003, Registrar's # 7706*, State File # 33270.
[330] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 17850275. No headstone photo. The memorial contains an unsourced obituary for Elizabeth Craig.
[331] *obits.theadvocate.com/obituaries/theadvocate/obituary.aspx?n=william-irving-crmack-bill&pid=93997668*, the obituary for William Irving "Bill" Carmack. Accessed 3 Nov 2017.

4. **Lawanda "Bunny" Carmack**, b. 3 Jan 1933. She married **Ronald Fly** and they had at least two children together:
    a. **Karen Fly**. She married **Michael P. Schutzman**.
    b. **Larry Fly**.

vi. **Elsie Ruth Bradshaw**, b. 20 Dec 1906, d. 2 Aug 1980. She married **James Henry Bateman**, and they had four daughters:
1. **Dorothy Ruth Bateman**, b. 19 Aug 1926, d. 9 Nov 2009. She married first **Charles B. Balling**, and she married second **George Barton Churchwell**. She had at least two sons by the first marriage:[332]
    a. **Charlie Balling**.
    b. **Jimmy Balling**.
2. **Leveda Mae Bateman**, b. 23 Feb 1928. She married **Howard Dew**.
3. **Lora Lucille Bateman**, b. 19 Sep 1932, d. 29 Aug 1980. She married **Thomas J. Harmon**.
4. **Betty J. Bateman**, b. about 1936.

vii. **Herbert Bradshaw**, b. 4 Feb 1909, d. 3 Dec 1913.

viii. **Leonard Walter Bradshaw**, b. 28 Feb 1911.

ix. **Homer D. Bradshaw**, b. 8 Mar 1913, d. 17 Jan 2000.

x. **Carrie C Bradshaw**, b. 1 Dec 1914, d. May 1986. She married first **Walter Earl Hill**, and second **Mr. Wilson**. She had twins by the first marriage:
1. **Roberta Joan Hill**, b. 7 Feb 1935, d. 19 Mar 2006. She married **Edwin Julius Danback, Jr.**, and they had at least one son:
    a. **Mark Allen Danback**.
2. **Robert Earl Hill**, b. 7 Feb 1935, d. 15 Dec 1997.

xi. **Ernest Bradshaw**, b. 18 Sep 1918, d. 15 Jul 1920.

f. **Sigmon Bradshaw**, b. 31 Aug 1878, d. 13 Jan 1940. He married first **Mary** (LNU) in 1899, and second **Etta Mae Thomas** in 1909. He had at least four children, two by each marriage:

i. **William Elisha Bradshaw**, b. 25 Jul 1901, d. 13 Sep 1946.[333] He married **Dora I. Gearing**. Census records list three children for them:
1. **Evelyn Corinne Bradshaw**, b. 29 Sep 1923, d. 12 Dec 1968. She married **Charles Ervin Stange**.
2. **Frieda Lucille Bradshaw**, b. 10 Nov 1926, d. Mar 1981. She married **Daniel M. Ulrich**.
3. **Billy Gene Bradshaw**, b. 20 Mar 1932, d. 18 Nov 1988. He married **Carmen L. Buskirk**.

ii. **Frank Bradshaw**, b. about 1904.

iii. **Elmer Bradshaw**, b. 14 Feb 1911, d. Jun 1987. He married **Lillie**.

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[332] *sellarsfuneralservices.com/tribute/details/2883/Dorothy Churchwell/obituary.htm#content-start*, the obituary of Dorothy Churchwell. Accessed 3 Nov 2017.

[333] Ancestry.com's *Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-2007, FHL Film* # 1991350.

iv. **Golda Bradshaw**, b. 22 Sep 1912, d. 13 Nov 1992. She married **Paul W. Douthitt**, and married second **Bernard Lester Modesitt**. She had at least one daughter by the first marriage:
    1. **Betty Lou Douthitt**, b. 10 Jan 1933, 2 Dec 1953.

3. **JOSIAH D. BRADSHAW**, b. about 1838, d. 20 Apr 1865. He married **Eliza E. Casteel** on 13 Oct 1859, whose father **Elijah Casteel** died on 6 Sep 1873. She was not named amongst his heirs in the Petition for Letters of Administration filed by her mother, so she had likely died by then.[334]
    a. **David Bradshaw**, b. about 1860.
4. **ELIZABETH EVALINE "ELIZA" BRADSHAW**, b. about 1841, d. about 1873. She married first **Henry Painter** on 28 Dec 1854. She married second **Joseph Victor "Vick" Glodo** (almost certainly Sr., as discussed in the analysis that follows) on 28 May 1863. Eliza's line is fairly complicated, and it is necessary to speculate somewhat about how this particular puzzle fits together.

After the death of Private **Henry Painter** (b. about 1830) of Company A, 80th Illinois Infantry Regiment from pneumonia on 17 Mar 1863 (at the Regimental Hospital, wherever that happened to be located at the time), his Jackson County probate file named his wife Eliza and son **William Painter** as his only heirs.[335]

There were two **Joseph Glodos**: Junior and Senior. Both served during the Civil War, and both served in Company A, 80th Illinois Infantry Regiment. So, part of the puzzle is to answer the question of which one was Eliza's husband? On 24 Nov 1862, Senior (b. about 1827), who served as a private, was discharged for disability while he was at Louisville, Kentucky. Junior (b. about 1844), who served as a Corporal, was listed as deserted at St Louis on 26 Jun 1863. So, only one month after Eliza's second marriage, Senior was likely back in Jackson County and Junior was at least 100 miles upstream.[336] It was easiest for Senior to have been her husband, but it is at least plausible that Junior could have been her husband.

When **Joseph Glodo Sr.**'s last wife (**Mary Moore**, probably nee **Bordeau** or **Prudeau**) was granted letters of administration for his estate, his heirs were listed as his wife, plus children **Nicholas** (b. ?), **Victor** (b.1844), **Albert** (b. 1869), **Belle** (b. 1875) and **Martha** (b. 1877): omitted from the list was **Mary Matilda Glodo** (b. 1865).[337] We will return to her after discussing Senior's 1880 Census record.

In Senior's household in 1880, things are a bit muddled. The household is listed thus:[338]

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[334] *Illinois, Jackson County, Probate Files, Division A, Box 13*, file 486.
[335] *Illinois, Jackson County, Probate Files Division A, Box 47*, file 1796.
[336] Ancestry.com's *Web: Illinois, Databases of Illinois Veterans Index, 1775-1995, Illinois Civil War Muster and Descriptive Rolls* for Victor Glode, Jr. and Victor Glodo, Sr.
[337] *Illinois, Jackson County, Probate Files, Division A, Box 25*, file 964.
[338] Ancestry.com's *1880 United States Federal Census, Illinois, Jackson County, Fountain Bluff Precinct, Page 39, Supervisor's District 8, Enumeration District 37, Dwelling 370, Family 387, Film # 1254214*, Image # 7 of 9.

Glodo, Victor, age 50.
--------, Mary, age 40, wife.
~~Moore~~, William, age 18, step son.
--------, Mary, age 15, step daughter.
Glodo, Matilda, age 15, Daughter.
--------, Albert, age 12, Son.
--------, Lizzie Belle, age 5, Daughter.
--------, Martha E., age 3, Daughter.

So his household contained two step children, William and Mary (both of whom had both parents born in Missouri), and **Joseph Glodo** had married the widow **Mary E. Moore** in 1874. So why was the surname Moore struck through in the above Census record? One possible interpretation was that William was actually Eliza's son **William Painter**, and that Mary was **Mary Moore**'s daughter. Matilda and Albert were Eliza's children, and that the remaining children were **Mary Moore**'s by her marriage to Senior. But Albert is listed as Senior's heir, but Matilda is not. Did she die, or was she simply omitted?

It would seem to be the latter, as all three of **Mary Matilda Glodo**'s known marriage records (to **John Dorway** in Jackson County in 1881, to **James E. Franklin** in 1889 in Jackson County, and to **William Sickmeier** in Monroe County, Illinois in 1901) state that her parents were **Eliza Bradshaw** and **Joseph V. or Victor Glodo**.[339] Whereas, **Albert Glodo**, who was named as one of Senior's heirs, in his marriage record to **Electa Wooten** in Jackson County in 1888, listed his parents as **Louisa Bradshaw** and **Joseph V. Glodo**.[340]

Getting back to Junior, it would seem that some folks believe that he survived the Civil War and moved first to New Madrid County, Missouri and finally to Obion County, Tennessee, where he died. Those records all describe someone who was born after 1850, and thus, if he was Senior's son, he would have been a 12-year-old Corporal when he fought in the Civil War. It seems more likely that Junior had died around the time he was reported as a deserter, as no clear record of his existence after that time has been discovered.

It is likely that Senior's Civil War Pension application file[341] can likely clarify that **Mary Matilda Glodo** was indeed his daughter. But that is an expense that can't be justified in producing a book that is intended to be given away for free. Any descendants of hers who find this book would be advised to obtain a copy of this file and thus have clear proof that **Joseph Victor Glodo, Senior** was indeed their ancestor.

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[339] Ancestry.com's *Illinois, County Marriages, 1800-1940, Film Number* 000968929 and *Film Number* 001006360.
[340] Ancestry.com's *Illinois, County Marriages, 1800-1940, Film Number* 000968929.
[341] Ancestry.com's *U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934, Invalid Application* #36270 on 19 Nov 1863, and *Widow's Application # 375313* on 25 Jun 1888 (filed in Illinois).

So, based upon the above analysis, the following were Eliza's children by her marriages to **Henry Painter** and **Joseph Victor Glodo**:

a. **William Painter/Glodo**, b. about 1862. This was almost certainly **Henry Painter**'s son. He is listed in the 1880 Census in **Joseph Glodo**'s household as **William Glodo**. It is not known if he was given the Glodo surname or if this is just an error on the Census form.

b. **Mary Matilda Glodo**, b. about 1865, d. probably 1908. She married first **John Baptiste Dorway** on 21 Apr 1881 in Jackson County, Illinois, she married second **James E. Franklin** on 9 Jun 1889 in Jackson County, and she married third **William H. Sickmeier** in 1901 in Monroe County, Illinois. **Mr. Sickmeier** remarried in 1908 and had a son born in Mar 1908, suggesting that this son had been given birth by **Mary Matilda**.

   i. **William Walter Sickmeier**, b. 8 Mar 1908, d. 13 Mar 1990. He married first **Evelyn L. Cook** on 30 Oct 1931 in Jefferson County, Missouri, he married second **Margaret M. Ames** on 4 Nov 1964 in Jefferson County Missouri, and at the time of his death his spouse's name was **Esther**. He had two children by the first marriage:

      1. **Katherine Jean "Kitty" Sickmeier**, b. 9 May 1932, 3 May 1996.[342] She married **Elmer Oliver Speis**, and they had at least two daughters together:

         a. **Tracie Speis**.

         b. **Theresa Speis**.

      2. **Harold Eugene Sickmeier**, b. 3 Sep 1934, 25 Nov 2006.[343]

c. **Albert Henry Glodo**, b. 27 Mar 1869, d. 20 May 1940. He married first **Electa Wooten** in 1888 in Jackson County, Illinois, and he married second **Josie Dell Welchel** on 28 May 1896 in Jackson County. The first two sons where by the first marriage, the rest were by the second marriage.

   i. **Joseph Edward Glodo**, b. 20 Dec 1889, d. 8 Sep 1977. He married **Lora A. Welchel** (her sister Josie had married Joseph's father) on 15 Aug 1919 in Randolph County, Illinois. In the 1930 Census, they are living with an adopted daughter, **Minnie Fisher**, and **Hester Whelchel** (Lora's and Josie's mother). Joseph's obituary names two daughters:[344]

      1. **Minnie (Fisher) Glodo** (adopted), b. 14 Apr 1923, d. 13 Sep 2011. She married **Robert Charles Cowin** on 8 Jul 1941 in Perry County, Missouri.

      2. **Karen Imogene Glodo**, b. 22 Jul 1944. She married **Gale Ray Rigdon**.

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[342] Ancestry.com's *U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007, SSN* 492305180.
[343] Ancestry.com's *U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007, SSN* 490366466.
[344] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 85, Number 210, Thursday 8 Sep 1977*, page 21, column 1, Deaths: Joseph E. Glodo.

ii. **Walter Albert Glodo**, b. 30 Sep 1891, d. May 1970. He married **Margaret S. Modglin** in 1915 in Jackson County, Illinois.
   1. **Henry A. Glodo**, b. 26 Jun 1916, d. 3 Nov 1981. He married **Nettie Imogene Bardmas** (a 3rd great granddaughter of **Amos Davis**) on 7 Feb 1937 in Williamson County, Illinois. Her obituary names four children:[345]
      a. **Henry Albert Glodo, Jr**.
      b. **Thomas A. Glodo**.
      c. **John A. Glodo**.
      d. **Michael J. Glodo**.
   2. **Clarah Maria Glodo**, b. about 1927. She is listed in the 1930 Census as a foster daughter, and in the 1940 Census as a daughter.

iii. **Elizabeth Tilda Glodo**, b. 25 Nov 1896, d. 17 Apr 1930. She married **David Simon Callahan**, and they had a large family together:
   1. **Inez M. Callahan**, b. 19 Nov 1916, d. 28 Oct 2004. She married first **Fred Beshears** in 1934, and married second **Claude E. Holsapple** on 14 Feb 1962 in Randolph County, Illinois. She had three children by the first marriage:[346]
      a. **Wanda Darlene Beshears**, b. 18 May 1935, d. 13 Nov 1975. She married **Allen Fremont Guetersloh** on 5 Feb 1954 in Jackson County, Illinois. They had two sons who survived her:[347]
         i. **Jeffrey Allen Guetersloh**.
         ii. **Curtis Dale Guetersloh**.
      b. **Doris Ailene Beshears**, b. 24 Apr 1927, d. 16 Nov 1975. She married **Charles Edwards Phelps**. They had two unnamed children together before the marriage ended in divorce.[348]
      c. **Larry Beshears**.
   2. **Joe S. Calahan**, b. 8 Dec 1918, d. 5 Jun 1987. He married **Viola Ruth "Violet" Evers**. They had several children together, but the names of their children were not discovered.
   3. **Josephine E. "Josie" Callahan**, b. 9 Feb 1921, d. 7 Apr 2014. She married **Ervin Adolph Heeszel** on 28 Apr 1939

[345] *thesouthern.com/news/obituaries/nettie-glodo/article_62687085-79eb-525a-8f79-e9003fd17f5c.html*, the obituary for Nettie Glodo. Accessed 4 Nov 2017.
[346] *The Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 111, No. 303, Friday, 29 Oct 2004*, page 3B, column 5, first article, Inez Holsapple.
[347] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 83, No. 269, Sunday, 16 Nov 1975*, page 5, column 5, first article, Darlene Guestersloh.
[348] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 67751818. Headstone photo and an unsourced obituary for the daughter of Fred and Inez (Callahan) Beshears.

in Perry County Missouri. Her obituary lists five children:[349]

a. **Ervin Jerome "Jerry" Heeszel**. He married **Marlys Jean Nieman**. Her obituary lists four children:[350]

i. **Timothy Heeszel**.

ii. **Hope Heeszel**. She married **Mr. McKenzie**.

iii. **David Heeszel**.

iv. **Michael Heeszel**.

b. **Janice Heeszel**. She married **Mr. Wallis**.

c. **Sue Heeszel**. She married **Mr. Mehrer**.

d. **Rhonda J. Heeszel**. She married **Marc David Hucke**.

e. **Judith Heeszel**. She married **Stephen Anderson**.

4. **Mary P. Callahan**, b. 3 Mar 1923, d. 7 Mar 2012. She married **John W. Gannon** on 8 May 1940 in Perry County, Missouri. Her obituary names three children:[351]

a. **John L. Gannon**.

b. **Daniel J. Gannon**.

c. **Becky S. Gannon**.

5. **Wilma Lorene Callahan**, b. 3 Sep 1926, d. 26 May 1931.[352]

6. **Bobby Leon Callahan**, b. 10 Apr 1930, 11 Apr 1930.[353]

iv. **Katie Glodo**, b. 15 Dec 1902, 14 Dec 1978. She married **Stanley Ogle** on 26 Sep 1918 in Butler County, Missouri. Her obituary names five of her eight children (the unnamed children died in childhood):[354]

1. **Alvin Louis Ogle**, b. 7 May 1921, d. 23 Oct 1982. He married first **Ellene Dorothy Wiggins** (a third great granddaughter of **James Davis**) on 16 Aug 1947 in Arkansas, and he married second **Klara Frank** in Kafortal, Germany on 15 May 1959. He had two sons, though only one is named in his obituary. The mother is unknown (he was born 9 months prior to the second marriage):[355]

a. **Donald Kenneth Ogle**.

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[349] *www.pmfh.net/memsol.cgi?user_id=1282854*. Obituary for Josephine E. Heeszel. Accessed 5 Nov 2017.

[350] *www.legacy.com/obituaries/news-leader/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=184734910*, the obituary of Marlys Jean Heeszel.

[351] *www.pmfh.net/memsol.cgi?user_id=583354*, obituary for Mary P. Gannon. Accessed 4 Nov 2017.

[352] Ancestry.com's *Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947*, FHL Film # 1653849.

[353] Ancestry.com's *Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947*, FHL Film # 1643662.

[354] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 88, No. 294, Friday, 15 Dec 1978*, page 25, column 3, first article, Katie E. Ogle.

[355] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 90, No. 261, Sunday, 7 Nov 1982*, page 20, column 1, fourth article, Alvin L. Ogle.

2. **Fannydell Ogle**, b. 13 Jun 1923, d. 24 May 1932.
3. **Thelma May Ogle**, b. 31 May 1925, d. 27 Jan 2017. She married first **Irvin Emmett Todd** on 24 Apr 1953 in Ada County, Idaho. By 1958 she had married **Henry James Parrie**. Her obituary lists seven children plus one stillbirth; there were four children by each marriage (order of birth unknown):
    a. **Irvin Emmett Todd** (died at birth).
    b. **Ronald Lee Todd**.
    c. **Buddy Todd**.
    d. **Diane Todd**.
    e. **Henry Allen "Hank" Parrie**.
    f. **Kevin Leroy Parrie**.
    g. **Henrietta "Tinker Bell" Parrie**.
    h. **David Parrie**.
4. **Leroy Ogle**, b. 15 Apr 1972, d. 27 May 1988. He married **Earlese May LNU**. Per his obituary, one son survived him:[356]
    a. **Rodney S. Ogle**.
5. **Junior Ogle**, b. 6 Aug 1929, 6 Aug 1929.
6. **Gene Ogle**, b. 6 Aug 1929, 6 Aug 1929.
7. **Lloyd W. "Bob" Ogle**, b. 26 Jun 1930, d. 2 Nov 2013. He married **Anna Mae Brown**.
8. **Floyd C. "Bill" Ogle**, b. 26 Jun 1930, d. 9 Jul 1987. He married **Margaret J. LNU**.

v. **Pearl Myrtle Glodo**, b. 4 Aug 1905, d. 2 Jul 1986. She married first **Robert Roscoe Morgan**, and married second **Harry T. Brown** on 25 Jun 1942 in Perry County, Missouri. Her obituary lists nine children:[357]
1. **Herbert E. Morgan**, b. 3 Nov 1925, d. 23 Mar 1971. He married **Rosemary Moore** on 10 Apr 1959 in Landstuhl, Germany.[358]
2. **Kathleeen Roberta "Kitty" Morgan**, b. 6 Feb 1928, d. 29 Apr 1994. She married first **Lavern Sylvester Carter** on 3 Jun 1955, and they were divorced on 9 Apr 1970 in Brazos County, Texas.[359] She married second **Thomas H. Moore**

[356] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 96, No. 155, Saturday, 4 Jun 1988*, page 18, column 1, second article, LeRoy Ogle.
[357] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 94, No. 182, Friday, 4 Jul 1986*, page 9, column 2, first article, Pearl M. Brown.
[358] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 79, No. 70, Wednesday, 24 Mar 1971*, page 8, column 2, Area Obituaries: Services Set Friday for Herbert Morgan.
[359] *www.wilsonsfuneralhome.net/memsol.cgi?user_id=247386*. Obituary for Lavern S. Carter. Accessed 5 Nov 2017.

on 15 Apr 1968 in Perry County, Illinois. Her obituary lists three children by the first marriage:[360]

a. **Ricky Carter**.
b. **Gary L Carter**.
c. **Billy Samuel Carter**.

3. **Geraldine Ellen "Jerry" Morgan**, b. 23 Feb 1930, d. 22 Jan 1993. She was married at least four times: first to **Evan James Hawkins** in Jul 1951 in Jackson County, Illinois, then a **Mr. Kueker**, followed by a **Mr. Rushing** and her last marriage was to a **Mr. Holcomb** in 1973. In 1973, when she changed her name from **Rushing** to **Holcomb**, she also had the surnames of two of her children changed from **Kueker** to **Holcomb**.
   a. **Larry James Hawkins**. He married **Brenda K. LNU**.
   b. **Danny Leon** (born **Kueker**) **Holcomb**.
   c. **Debra Janine** (born **Kueker**) **Holcomb**. She married **Mr. Gale**.
4. **Betty Rose Morgan**, b. 17 Oct 1931. She married **Wayne Thompson Claussen** on 29 Aug 1947. His obituary lists two daughters, presumably by **Betty**:[361]
   a. **Patricia Kay Claussen**. She married **Mr. Brown**.
   b. **Cathy Lynn Claussen**. She married **Mr. Cremer**. She was involved in an armed crime spree with **Richard McGue/Kennedy** in 1984 and sentenced to 55 years in prison.
5. **Neoma Frances Joan Morgan**, b. 19 Mar 1935, d. 10 May 1988. She married first **John Little "JD" Richardson** and she married second **Rollie Edward Cheatham** on 19 Jun 1981 in Jackson County, Illinois. Her obituary names four sons:[362]
   a. **Roger Dean Richardson**.
   b. **James Donald Richardson**.
   c. **Carl Edward Richardson**.
   d. **Clayton Eugene Richardson**.
6. **Leon "Bo" Brown**.
7. **Jack E. Brown**.
8. **Harry L. Brown**.

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[360] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 102, No. 121, Sunday, 1 May 1994*, page 17, column 2, second article, Kathleen Moore.
[361] *www.wilsonsfuneralhome.net/memsol.cgi?user_id=24993*, the obituary for Wayne T. Claussen. Accessed 6 Nov 2017.
[362] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 18071484. Headstone photo and an undated obituary from *The Eagle*, Bryan, Texas for Neoma Richardson Cheatham.

vi. **Charles W. Glodo**, b. 1 Jan 1908, d. Aug 1987. He married **Cora E. Smith** (a third great granddaughter of **Aaron Davis**) on 3 Oct 1938.

vii. **Andrew E. Glodo**, b. 28 Sep 1910, d. 28 Jun 1981. He married **Hazel Imo Reeves**. They had one daughter:[363]

1. **Kathleen Glodo**. She married **David Cuttill**.

a. **Kassidy Cuttill**.[364]

viii. **Rosialee "Rosie" Glodo**, b. 24 Nov 1913, d. 6 Oct 2000. She married **Hank Kerr** in 1954.

ix. **Sophia Marie Glodo**, b. 2 Jan 1917, d. 4 Jan 1917.[365]

5. **BENJAMIN F. BRADSHAW**, b. Nov 1845, d. 7 May 1905. He married first **Margaret Jane Roberts** on 29 Feb 1864, and second **Margaret Emma Gibson** on 10 Feb 1877.

His children by **Margaret Jane Roberts**:

a. **John Benjamin Bradshaw**, b. Nov 1866, d. before the 1910 Census. He married **Mary F. Bolen** on 25 Dec 1888 in Jackson County, Illinois. The 1900 and 1910 Census records show that Mary had given birth to two children, only one of whom was alive during those enumerations:

i. **Anna F. Bradshaw**, b. 1 Jul 1893, d. 6 Dec 1962. She married first **James Alexander Mason** in 1909 in Jackson, Illinois, and married second **William Flood**, probably around 1923.

1. **Ernest V. Mason**, b. 29 Sep 1909, d. 29 Oct 1980.[366] He married first Edna Leveta (Moran) Carter, and second **Hattie (Morris) Zimmerman** on 12 Jan 1946 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. He later married **Ruth (Will) Arendell**.

His children by **Edna Moran**:[367]

a. **James Ernest Mason**, b. 7 Jan 1940, d. 12 Sep 1989. He married first **Erma Marie Graff** in Jan 1964 in Jackson County, Illinois, and married second **Barbara Ellis**. His children were (order of birth and birth mother not determined):

i. **Gary Mason**.

ii. **Kevin Mason**.

iii. **Jennifer Mason**.

iv. **Tammy Mason**. She married **Mr. Platz**.

b. **Mary Mason**. She married **Mr. Jacquot**.

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[363] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 89, No. 153, Monday, 29 Jun 1981*, page 7, column 2, fourth article, Andrew E. Glodo.

[364] *www.brintlingerandearl.com/memsol.cgi?user_id=583473*, the obituary for David Cuttill. Accessed 6 Nov 2017.

[365] Ancestry.com's *Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947, FHL Film #* 1543603.

[366] *Find A Grave, Memorial # 7634993*. Shared headstone photo with Hattie M. Mason. No biographical information.

[367] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 88, No. 133, Friday, 6 Jun 1980*, page 8, columns 3 & 4, last article, In Loving Memory of Edna Leveta Wilson: A Mother – A Sister – An Angel by Delores Mink (daughter) of Universal City, Missouri 63160.

His son by **Hattie Morris**:

c. **Joe W. Mason**, b. 17 Feb 1948, d. 22 Jun 2016.[368] He married **Gabrielle "Gabbie" Boettcher** on 18 May 1987 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. They had one son together, **Joseph Kyle Mason**.[369] There were other children of his by one or more earlier marriages:
   i. **Christie Mason**. She married **Mike Seyer**.
   ii. **Leslie Mason**. She married **Mr. Matlock**.
   iii. **James Mason**.
   iv. **Rickie Joe Mason**.
   v. **Joseph Kyle Mason**.

His children by unknown spouse:[370]

d. **Ernest Mason, Jr**.

2. **Irene Mason**, b. about 1914.
3. **Virginia Mason**, b. about 1917.
4. **Della Marie Mason**, b. 4 Nov 1919, d. 31 Dec 2004. She married **Farold (Farrell) T. Goessman** on 19 Jul 1958. She was also married to a **Mr. Ralls**.
   a. **Vivian M. Ralls**, b. 15 Feb 1938. She married a **Mr. Roy**.
   b. **Donald E. Ralls**. He married **Domenica Mimma De Simone**. They had three children together:[371]
      i. **Anthony Ralls**.
      ii. **Donald Ralls**.
      iii. **Christina Ralls**.
   c. **Billy Wayne Ralls**.
   d. **Georgette Dickey (MNU) Hall**.
   e. **Audrey M. (MNU) Kimbro**.
   f. **Sherry (MNU)**. She married **Randy Peppers**.
5. **Rosalea Mason**, b. 25 Sep 1922, d. 22 Sep 1992. She married **William Calvin Holderfield**. Her obituary names four children:[372]
   a. **Malcolm T. Holderfield**. He married first **Martha Matilda "Marty" (Laws) Williams**, and he

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[368] *www.crainsonline.com/obituaries/Joe-Mason-2/#!/Obituary*, the obituary for Joe W. Mason. Accessed 7 Nov 2017.

[369] *www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Gabrielle-Gabbie-Mason-17171/#!/Obituary*, the obituary for Gabrielle "Gabbie" Mason. Accessed 7 Nov 2017.

[370] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Thursday, 14 Sep 1989*, page 11, as found at *https://www.newspapers.com/newspage/83614731/*, the obituary for James E. Mason. Accessed 7 Nov 2017.

[371] *www.beidelmakunschfh.com/obituaries/Donald-Ralls1507893/#!/Obituary*, the obituary of Donald E. Ralls, accessed 7 Nov 2017.

[372] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 100, No. 68, Thursday, 24 Sep 1992*, page 11, column 2, fourth article, Rosalie Holderfield.

married second **Judith "Judy" Taylor**. He had at least one son by the first marriage:

i. **Willie C. Holderfield**.

b. **Dusty Eugene Holderfield**.

c. **William J. Holderfield**.

d. **Bonnie Sue "Susie" Holderfield**. She married **Howard Jackson** on 8 Oct 1959 in Cook County, Illinois.

6. **Wilma Flood**, b. about 1925. She married **Mr. Carter**.

7. **William Roscoe Flood**, b. 8 Oct 1932, d. 27 Apr 2009. He married **Diane Florence Jabczynski** on 4 Sep 1954. They had at least two children:

a. **Kimberly Flood**.

b. **William Flood**.

b. **George Stephen Bradshaw**, b. 27 Mar 1870, d. 11 Jan 1949. He married **Amanda (Taylor) Morris** on 4 Jan 1896 in Jackson County, Illinois. Her 1900 Census record shows she was the mother of three children, two of whom were alive at the time. However, there were no children in her household, suggesting that they were the children of her first husband, **Columbus G. Morris**. No 1910 Census record was found for her. Census and Social Security records identify four children:

i. **John B. Bradshaw**, b. 28 Sep 1901, d. 7 Jul 1985. He married **Maud D. Strunk** on 17 Mar 1923.[373] Census records show four daughters:

1. **Katherine M. Bradshaw**, b. about 1924. She married **Virgil N. Glissom**.

2. **Corine Bradshaw**, b. about 1927. She married **Mr. Heady**.

3. **Peggy Jayce Bradshaw**, b. about 1931. She married **Mr. Wade**.

4. **Patsy Larue Bradshaw**, b. about 1833. She married **Mr. Engram**.

ii. **Francis Amanda Bradshaw**, b. 9 May 1905, 26 Nov 1975. She married **James Arthur Jelley**, and they had two daughters:

1. **Joy Jelley**, b. about 1931. She married **Forrest S. Cheatham** on 31 Aug 1947 in Arkansas, and she married second **Carl Harris**.

2. **Betty Lou Jelley**, b. about 1936. She married **Mr. Austin**.

iii. **George M. Bradshaw**, b. He married **Thelma Jarvis**.[374] Her obituary lists three children:

1. **Armilda Gene Bradshaw**, b. 18 Feb 1931, d. 21 Mar 1932.

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[373] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 93, No. 162, Tuesday, 9 Jul 1985*, page 9, column 3, fourth article, Rev. John B. Bradshaw.

[374] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 91, No. 182, Thursday, 4 Aug 1983*, page 20, column 1, fourth article, Thelma Bradshaw.

2. **Kenneth Ray Bradshaw**, b. 11 Oct 1932, d. 17 Jun 1934.
3. **Gwendolyn Bradshaw**, b. 11 Jun 1935. She married **Mr. Nofsinger**.

iv. **William Bradshaw**, b. about 1917. He married **Alberta Downen** and they had one daughter:

1. **Rosalie Bradshaw**, b. about 1938. She married **Mr. Columbus**.

c. **James S. Bradshaw**, b. about 1872.

His children by **Margaret Emma Gibson**:

d. **Robert Allen Bradshaw**, b. 12 Oct 1880, d. 9 Jul 1951. He married **Edith Maud Barton** in 1901 in Jackson County, Illinois. They had one son:

i. **Benjamin H. Bradshaw**, b. 20 Jun 1902, 25 Apr 1968. He married **Mary E. Pirkle**. Census records show two children:

1. **Wilma M. Bradshaw**, b. about 1925.
2. **Robert A. Bradshaw**, b. about 1932.

e. **Susan E. "Susie" Bradshaw**, b. Feb 1882. She married **John C. Cochrane** on 14 Aug 1900 in Jackson County, Illinois. The 1910 Census shows that she was the mother of five children, only one of who was alive at that time. Family lore supplies the name of a second child:

i. **Robert Cochran**, b. about 1909.

ii. **Mamie Arnett Cochran**, b. 27 Nov 1910, d. 12 May 1897. There is a marriage license dated 29 Jun 1929 in Obion County, Tennessee for a marriage to **Robert L. Douglas** that says "do not publish." She later married **Thurman Olaf Pankey**. They had two children:

1. **Gerald L. Pankey**, b. 27 Apr 1936, d. 1988.
2. **P. Ann Pankey**, b. 1941.

f. **Olive Adelia Bradshaw**, b. 2 Jul 1886, d. 26 Mar 1934. She married **David Bert Gola** in 1903 in Jackson County, Illinois. His obituary names several children:[375]

i. **Thelma Bernice Gola**, b. 14 Dec 1909, d. 29 Sep 1993. She married **Frederich Geoge "Fred" Querling** on 8 Sep 1931. They had two daughters:

1. **Anna Bernice Querling**, b. 29 Mar 1934, d. 11 Sep 2007. She married **John Irving Hagemier** on 2 Nov 1957 in St Louis County, Missouri. They had two children:[376]

a. **Joan Elizabeth Hagemier**.
b. **Frederick William Hagemier**.

[375] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 72, No. 205, Thursday, 19 Nov 1964*, page 2, Gola Rites Set.

[376] *www.myersfuneralhome.biz/notices/John-Hagemier*, the obituary for John Irving Hagemier. Accessed 8 Nov 2017.

2. **Bonnie Amalia Querling**, b. 23 Feb 1935. She married **Donald Lee Verble** on 11 Jul 1953 in St Louis County, Missouri.[377]
    a. **Robert Lee Verble**. He married **Victoria Lynn**.
    b. **Donna Sue Verble**. She married **Timothy Ryan**.
    c. **Debora Lynn Verble**. She married **Shelby Palmer**.
    d. **Wesley Paul Verble**. He married **Robin Gaston**.
    e. **Diane Melanie Verble**. She married **Brian Dyhouse**.
    f. **David Marshall Verble**.

ii. **Iva Louise Gola**, b. 7 Aug 1912, d. 6 Apr 1971. She married first **George J. Fricke** on 8 Oct 1932, she married second to **Isaac T. Caldwell** on 21 Jun 1963, and she married third **Edward Baumeyer** on 31 Oct 1967. She had one daughter by the first marriage:[378]
    1. **Phyllis Ann Fricke**, b. 23 Aug 1933, d. 30 Jul 2017. She married **William A. "Bill" Stewart** on 16 Sep 1951 in Jackson County, Illinois. They had three children:
        a. **Sue Ann Stewart**.
        b. **Mike Stewart**.
        c. **Rick Stewart**.

iii. **Carrie Mae Gola** b. 1 Mar 1914, d. 15 Aug 1996. She married **Edward T. Kilby**, and his obituary show that they had three children together:[379]
    1. **Carol Kilby**. She married **Mr. Glaesser**.
    2. **Steven Kilby**.
    3. **Richard Kilby**.

iv. **Daniel E. Gola**, b. 6 Sep 1917, d. Feb 1974. He married **Mary Evelyn Whisler** on 30 Sep 1939 in St Louis County, Missouri, and they had three children together:[380]
    1. **Jeanne Gola**.
    2. **Dana Kay Gola**.
    3. **Tim Gola**.

v. **Mary Rachel Gola**, b. 29 Jan 1920, d. 15 Dec 1998. She married **Harry Stone**.

vi. **David Paul Gola**, b. 28 Nov 1921, d. 13 Oct 1933.[381]

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[377] Ancestry.com's *U.S., Cemetery and Funeral Home Collection, 1847-2017*, the obituary for Donald Verble.
[378] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 88321754. Headstone photo and unsourced obituary for Mrs. Iva Louise Fricke Baumeyer. Accessed 8 Nov 2017.
[379] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 82, No. 282, Wednesday, 20 Nov 1974*, page 37, column 3, third article, Edward T. Kilby.
[380] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 9, No. 133, Wednesday, 14 May 1986*, page 23, column 1, first article, Deaths: Mary Evelyn Gola.
[381] Ancestry.com's *Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-2017, FHL Film* # 1675054.

vii. **Blanche L. Gola**, b. 10 Oct 1923. She married **Harry Hoyt Hodge**, and per his obituary they had two sons:[382]
   1. **Dan Hodge**.
   2. **David Hodge**.

viii. **Ruth Esther Gola**, b. 7 May 1925, d. 28 Apr 2012. She married **Norman Albert Schuenke**, and her obituaries states that they had three children together:[383]
   1. **Norman Paul Schuenke**.
   2. **Thomas Schuenke**.
   3. **Mary Schuenke**. She married **William "Bill" Udseth**.

ix. **Willard Eugene Gola**, b. 12 Mar 1928, d. 23 Jun 1997.

g. **Laura Dell Bradshaw**, b. 7 Jan 1890, d 1956. She married **Elmer Anderson Dunn** in 1909 in Jackson County, Illinois.[384]

i. **Ralph Dunn**, b. 28 Feb 1910, d. 22 Sep 1987. He married **Mildred Elise Burcham**. Census records show one daughter:
   1. **Betty Jane Dunn**, b. 10 Dec 1930, d. 31 Jan 2011. She married **Walter Maciejewski** around 1951. Her obituary lists several children:[385]
      a. **Dave Maciejewski**. He married **Paula MNU**.
      b. **Nancy Maciejewski**. She married **Joe Kissler**.
      c. **Judy Maciejewski**. She married **Erv Benz**.
      d. **Patty Maciejewski**. She married **Jim Krauser**.
      e. **Sandy Maciejewski**. She married **Mike Kamarainen**.
      f. **Debbie Maciejewski**. She married **Mike Reinke**.

ii. **Floyd Dunn**, b. 15 Jan 1913, d. Nov 1976.

iii. **Ruby Emmaline Dunn**, b. 17 Mar 1917, d. 30 Jul 1962. She married **Leslie Robert Daniels**. They had three children:
   1. **Shirley Daniels**, b. about 1935.
   2. **Robert E. Daniels**, b. about 1937. He married Miss Dalton.
   3. **Geraldine Laverne Daniels**, b. 9 Sep 1938, d. 19 Dec 2003. She married **Wilbur L. Spearhouse, Sr**. Their son signed her death certificate:[386]
      a. **Wilbur L. Spearhouse, Jr**.

iv. **William Hubert "Boots" Dunn**, b. 27 Mar 1921, d. 24 Apr 1972.

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[382] *www.legacy.com/obituaries/tampabaytimes/obituary.aspx?n=harry-hoyt-hodge&pid-137352543*, the obituary for Harry Hoyt Hodge. Accessed 8 Nov 2017.

[383] *www.whitefuneralhomes.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=1467985&fh_id=11395*, the obituary for Ruth Esther Schuenke. Accessed 8 Nov 2017.

[384] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 66, No. 171, Monday, 21 Jul 1958*, page 2, column 5, second article, Elmer Dunndies [sic].

[385] *www.legacy.com/obituaries/jsonline/obituary.aspx?n=betty-j-maciejewski&pid=148313625*, the obituary for Betty J. Maciejewski. Accessed 8 Nov 2017.

[386] *Indiana State Department of Health, Certificate of Death, State No.* 044589, Geraldine Laverne Spearhouse.

v. **Edith Pauline Dunn**, b. 24 Feb 1924, d. 19 May 2011. She married **Fred Reeder, Jr.**, and they had one daughter:[387]
1. **Jackie Reeder**. She married **James Cagala**.

6. **ROBERT BRADSHAW**, b. about 1849, d. before his father.
7. **SOPHRONIA "SOPHIA" BRADSHAW**, b. about 1852, d. about 1872. She married **John Nicholas Glodo** on 19 Jan 1869.
   a. **Samuel Glodo**, b. about 1869. He was not listed in his father's household in the 1880 Census.
8. **JAMES M. BRADSHAW**, b. 23 Mar 1854, d. 7 Jul 1931. He married **Luvena Franklin "Vena" Brownfield** on 8 Mar 1877 in Jackson County, Illinois. In the 1900 Census, Luvena stated she had given birth to five children, only two of whom were alive at that time. Census records identify only three of these children:
   a. **Freddie Bradshaw**, b. 23 Jan 1878, d. 9 Oct 1890.
   b. **Hurdy Bradshaw**, b. 1 Jun 1881, d. 21 Jan 1967. He married **Irene Greer** on 21 Mar 1905 in St Louis County, Missouri. They had two children:[388]
      i. **James George Bradshaw**, b. 3 Jun 1907, d. 3 Jun 1992. He married **Irene R. McCormick**. Census and death records document a large family:
         1. **James Vernon Bradshaw**, b. 6 Apr 1926, d. 16 Oct 1982. He married **Eleanor C. Grosvenor**. They had four children:[389]
            a. **Charles Lavern Bradshaw**. He married **Beverly Kennedy**. They had one daughter:[390]
               i. **Dana Bradshaw**. She married **Larry Yates**.
            b. **James Dale Bradshaw**. He died as an infant.
            c. **Marilyn Sue Bradshaw**. She married **Nicholas A. Garrity**.
            d. **Keith Bradshaw**. He died at birth.
         2. **Velma Omalee Bradshaw**, b. 20 Aug 1927, d. 15 Jun 1928.
         3. **Betty Jean Bradshaw**, b. 31 May 1931, d. 20 Jul 1934.
         4. **Billie Ruth Bradshaw**, b. 7 Jan 1933. She married **Rex A. Grosvenor**.
         5. **Ione Esther Bradshaw**, b. 28 Dec 1934. She married **Dearl Junior Rogers** on 1 Oct 1952 in St Francois County, Missouri. They had three children:[391]

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[387] *Find A Grave, Memorial* #132391640. Headstsone photo and source obituary for Fred Reeder.
[388] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 75, No. 2, Thursday, 9 Mar 1967,* page 22, column 5, article 2, Hurdy Bradshaw.
[389] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 90, No. 244, Monday, 18 Oct 1962*, page 17, column 3, first article, James Vernon Bradshaw.
[390] *www.eastgatefuneralhome.com/memsol.cgi?user_id=1832395*, the obituary for Charles S. Bradshaw.
[391] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 102, No. 55, Thursday, 24 Feb 1994*, page 9, column 2, third article, Dearl J. Rogers.

a. **Kevin Rogers**.
b. **Keith Rogers**.
c. **Vickie Rogers**.

6. **Bobby Dean Bradshaw**, b. 4 Aug 1938, d. 4 Aug 1938.
7. **Donald Ray Bradshaw**, b. 30 Jul 1939, d. 22 May 1940.
8. **Kenneth Bradshaw**.

ii. **Esther Bradshaw**, b. 21 Aug 1912, d. 11 Sep 1997. She married first **Mr. Hutchings**, and married second **Leroy "Woody" Willis** on 24 Jan 1977 in Randolph County, Illinois.[392]

c. **Jessie Rose Bradshaw**, b. 29 Oct 1883, d. 30 Apr 1974. She married **Harry Ebert Thurman** in 1901 in Osceola, Arkansas (and 1902 in Jackson County, Illinois). They had several children:[393]

i. **Ruth I. Thurman**, b. 2 Nov 1902, d. Feb 1881. She married **Richard Franklin "Frank" Cox**. Census records list one son:

1. **George W. Cox**, b. 15 Dec 1939.

ii. **Osceola Thurman**, b. 9 Sep 1904, d. 20 Feb 1917.

iii. **James E. Thurman**, b. 2 Jan 1906, d. 29 Jan 1976. He married first **Madeline Holliday Beisner** on 16 Aug 1930 in Jackson County, Illinois, and he married second **Lena Kolbus Worthen** on 6 Jun 1970 in Jackson County, Illinois.

iv. **Benny Hurdy Thurman**, b. 20 Mar 1915, d. 22 Nov 1994. He married **Beulah Bernice Ridenour**.

v. **Jesse Monroe Thurman**, b. 6 Apr 1917, d. 15 Sep 1993. He married **Juanita Lois Falkenbury**. They had apparently split up by around 1945, as she had married **Amos Goddard** around that time. The obituary for **James W. Thurman** lists many siblings, though it is not clear if some of these were half-siblings.

1. **Jessie LaDon Thurman**, b. 20 Feb 1938, d. 3 Mar 2015. She married **Samuel Arthur Phelps** on 19 Jan 1955 in Jackson County, Illinois

a. **Roger Lee Phelps**.

2. **James W. Thurman**. He married **Rebecca Johnson** on 21 Sep 1963 in Jackson County, Illinois.[394]

a. **James L. "Shag" Thurman**.

3. **Larry Thurman**.
4. **Rose MNU**. She married **Mr. Lindhorst**.
5. **JoElla "Jodi" MNU**. She married **Mr. Green**.
6. **Jessica MNU**. She married **Mr. Rayburn**.

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[392] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume , 13 Sep 1997*, page 6A, column 3, fourth article, Esther Willis.
[393] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 82, No. 103, Wednesday, 1 May 1974*, page 29, column 3, third article, Jessie Thurman.
[394] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 119, No. 51, Thursday, 23 Feb 2012*, page 3B, column 4, first article, *James Thurman*.

vi. **Vena Mae Thurman**, b. 12 May 1922, d. 23 Feb 2012. She married **Edwin Julius Gasawski**.[395]
    1. **Ruth Dorris Gasawski**. She married **Randy Albers**.
    2. **Eva Gasawaski**. She married **Larry Schwander**.

9. **EDWARD BRADSHAW**, b. about 1857, d. before 1867, as he was not listed as a minor heir to his father's estate.

[395] *www.fasslyfuneral.com/memsol.cgi?user_id=667179*, the life legacy of Vena Gasawaski. Accessed 9 Nov 2017.

Andrew Jackson Davis

A transcribed Bible record in the possession of Dennis Dwyer establishes that Andrew Jackson Davis was born on 9 Sep 1815 and died on 14 Aug 1900 (the source for this transcription is unknown).

Andrew Jackson Davis' first marriage was likely to a daughter of Shadrach Massey, whom an 1837 deed has her given name as Malinda.[396] At least that would explain why on 15 Jun 1839 he acquired a 1/6th interest in a property by Kinkead Creek that his cousin Thomas Davis in 1831 had a 1/9th interest in (which was an interest held with six of his wife's siblings, plus the 1/3rd dower interest of his mother-in-law, who had died prior to 1839). There were no children by this marriage. Further support of the notion that his first wife was a Massey is evidenced by the fact that A. J. Davis was appointed to administer the estate of James Massey.[397]

Andrew Jackson Davis' likely second marriage was to Malinda Glenn on 28 Apr 1845 in Jackson County, Illinois. She likely died soon after, as he then married Sally Albert on 10 Apr 1847, in Perry County, Illinois. He married last Susannah Tope on 11 Jun 1865.

Unlike the other children of Aaron Davis, Andrew did not leave a will and his estate was not probated. So, it is primarily Census records that provide us with the names of his children. In addition, the parentage of the following children is confirmed in the sources cited in the footnotes, leaving no doubt that these were his children:

- Jacob B. Davis' death record.[398]
- Henry Michael Davis' marriage record.[399]
- James Granville Davis' marriage record.[400]
- Nancy Catherine Davis' marriage record.[401]
- Laura Ellen Davis' marriage record.[402]

The other children found in Census records appear not to have survived long enough to have started families of their own.

[396] *Illinois, Jackson County, Deeds, Book D*, page 190, *FHL microfilm #008116235*, image 127 of 678.
[397] *Illinois, Jackson County, Probate Files, Division A, Box No. 41*, File 1529.
[398] Ancestry.com's *Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947*, FHL microfilm # 1543999.
[399] Ancestry.com's *Illinois County Marriages, 1800-1940, Film* # 000968929.
[400] Ancestry.com's *Illinois County Marriages, 1800-1940, Film* # 000968929.
[401] Ancestry.com's *Illinois County Marriages, 1800-1940, Film* # 000968929.
[402] Ancestry.com's *Illinois County Marriages, 1800-1940, Film* # 000975012.

Andrew Jackson Davis' children by **Sally Albert**:

1. **ANDREW J. DAVIS**, b. about 1850.
2. **JACOB B. DAVIS**, b. 11 Nov 1853, d. 26 Mar 1918.[403,404] He married first **Irena Emeline Hatfield** on 22 Oct 1874,[405] and he married second **Matilda Carr** in 1878.[406] Both marriages took place in Jackson County, Illinois. All of his children were by the second marriage. In the 1900 Census, Matilda stated that she had given birth to eight children, all of whom were alive at that time, and the 1910 Census shows that by that time one had died (**Frederick**).
    a. **Gettie Maude Davis**, b. 20 May 1879, d. 22 Jan 1959.[407] She married **John Riley Carter** in 1895 in Jackson County, Illinois.[408] They had one son:
        i. **Howard Carter**, b. 7 Jun 1908, d. 7 Oct 1983.[409] He married **Ruby P. Darrough**, and they had at least one daughter together:[410]
            1. **Marcella Jean Carter**, b. 18 Oct 1930, d. 8 Apr 1994. She married first **Mr. Maddox**, and second **Mr. Proffer**.
    b. **Frederick Davis**, b. 17 Feb 1881, d. 11 Sep 1904.[411] It appears that he never married.
    c. **Worthey Pendleton Davis**, b. 12 Mar 1883, d. 15 Jul 1968.[412] He is found in the 1920 Census with a wife named **Olla** (**Ola** on his WWI draft registration), who was born in Missouri. They are buried together in Phelps County, Missouri. Little else is known about this couple.
    d. **Emery Esaw Davis**, b. 4 Oct 1885, d. 18 Jun 1958.[413] He married **Hattie Jannette (Luftkin) Biggs** in Jackson County in 1908.[414] They had a large family together (NOTE: the household in his 1910 Census record shows **Lawrence Davis**, age 5 and **Nora Davis**, age 3; they are described as step children in Emery's obituary and are thus omitted from the following listing.):[415]
        i. **Noah Davis**, b. 25 Dec 1910, d. 28 Feb 1974.[416]
        ii. **Helen Davis**, b. 28 Nov 1912, d. Feb 1976.[417] She married **William E. Morgan**, and they had at least two sons:

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[403] *Find A Grave, Memorial* #80341792. Headstone photo. Accessed 25 Oct 2017.
[404] Ancestry.com's *Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947, FHL Film* #1543999.
[405] Ancestry.com's *Illinois, County Marriages, 1800-1940, Film* # 000968928.
[406] Ancestry.com's *U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007, SSN* 702126571 and *SSN* 352303061, and Ancestry.com's *Illinois, County Marriages, 1800-1940, Film* # 000968927.
[407] *Find A Grave, Memorial* #130154084. Headstone photo. Accessed 25 Oct 2017.
[408] Ancestry.com's *Illinois, County Marriages, 1800-1940, Film* #000968928.
[409] *Find A Grave, Memorial* #130154129. Headstone photo. Accessed 25 Oct 2017.
[410] Ancestry.com's *U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007*. SSN 347263610.
[411] *Find A Grave, Memorial* #80341780. Headstone photo, Accessed 25 Oct 2017.
[412] *Find A Grave, Memorial* #87050193. Headstone photo. Accessed 25 Oct 2017.
[413] *Southern Illinoisan (Carbondale, Illinois), Volume 66, No. 145, Thursday, 19 Jun 1958*, page 21, column 7, article 4, Service Saturday For Ava Resident.
[414] Ancestry.com's *Illinois, County Marriages, 1800-1940, Film* # 000968929.
[415] *LeMars Semi Weekly Sentinel (Le Mars, Iowa), Volume LXXX, No. 18*, *Friday, March 2, 1951*, column 1, paragraph 19, Seney Man's Mother Dies in St. Louis. Notice of the death of Hattie J. Davis of St. Louis, Missouri.
[416] Ancestry.com's *Social Security Death Index*, SSN 342-09-9442.
[417] Ancestry.com's *Social Security Death Index*, SSN 351-22-8940.

1. **Albert Edgar Morgan**, b. 1 Jun 1939, d. 19 Feb 1997.[418]
2. **Leroy Morgan**, b. 21 Nov 1948, d. 2 Aug 2007.[419]

iii. **Ada Mae Davis**, b. 1914, d. 1978.[420] She married first **Ralph Edward Gillespie** and second **Adrian Blankenstein**. She had at least four children by the first marriage, and at least one by the second marriage:

1. **John Gillespie**, b. about 1936.
2. **Carol Jean Gillespie**, b. 14 Apr 1938, d. 14 Apr 1938.[421]
3. **Mary Sandra Lee Gillespie**, b. 28 Mar 1939, d. 9 Jun 2000.[422] She married **Gary Carson Hopcraft**.
4. **Ralph Edward Gillesie, Jr.**, b. 3 Nov 1941.
5. **Adrian Blankenstein**, b. 9 Aug 1946, d. 11 Aug 1946.[423]

iv. **Charles Edgar Davis**, b. 4 Mar 1918, d. 2 May 1982.[424] He married **Elda Alvina Hemming**[425] on 17 Mar 1943 at Ford Ord, California, and they had five children together (order of birth not known):

1. **Arlene Davis**. She married **Terry Rachuy**.
2. **Charles E. Davis, Jr.**, b. 17 Feb 1954, d. 17 Feb 1954.[426]
3. **Dottie M. Davis**. She married **Paul Delperdang**.
4. **June Davis**. She married **Dave Dahlstrom**.
5. **Janice Davis**. She married **Gary Jenney**.

v. **Olive Pearl Davis**, b. 7 Feb 1921, d. 14 Jul 1995.[427] She married **Harold J. Kasperzick** and they had several children:

1. **Betty Jean Kasperzick**. She had three husbands: **Mr. Bachmann**, **Mr. Bosick**, and **Mr. McClure**.
2. **Rose Mary Kasperzick**.
3. **Janet Kasperzick**.
4. **Ronald Harold Kasperzick**.
5. **Michael Kasperzick**.
6. **Beverly A. Kasperzick**. She married **Ronald Eugene McKenzie**.

vi. **Imogene "Jean" Davis**, b. about 1925. She married **Mr. Romano**.

e. **James Jerome Davis**, b. 30 May 1889, d. 16 Apr 1953. He married **Mae Schirmer** and they had several children together:

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[418] Ancestry.com's *U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007*, SSN 342362890.
[419] Ancestry.com's *Social Security Death Index*, SSN not given.
[420] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 175333482. No headstone photo. Accessed 26 Oct 2017.
[421] Ancestry.com's *Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947, FHL Film* # 1818798.
[422] Ancestry.com's *U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007*, SSN 331329121.
[423] Ancestry.com's *Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947, FHL Film* # 1991313.
[424] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 137218935. No headstone photo. Includes an unsourced bio for Charles Davis which names his five children. Accessed 27 Oct 2017.
[425] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 7253120. No headstone photo. Includes an unsourced obituary for Elda A. Davis. Accessed 27 Oct 2017.
[426] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 137218950. No headstone photo. Includes a cited obituary from the LeMars Sentinel for infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis. Accessed 27 Oct 2017.
[427] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 77787541. Headstone photo. Accessed 27 Oct 2017.

i. **Earl Oscar Davis**, b. about 1918.
ii. **Charles E. Davis**, b. 14 Jun 1919, 17 Jul 1919.[428]
iii. **Alice M. Davis**, b. about 1920.
iv. **Robert P. Davis**, b. about 1927.
v. **Carl Eugene Davis**, b. 12 Oct 1928, d. 20 Nov 2006. He married **Alberta June Gross** on 30 Nov 1946 in Pueblo, Colorado, and they had several children together (birth order not known):[429]
1. **Elizabeth Davis**. She married **Robert Herman Middendorf**.
2. **Carl Eugene Davis, Jr**.
3. **Carol Jean Davis**. She married **Mr. Basham** and **Henry Wertz Driver**.
4. **Cathy Davis**. She married **Robert Cole**.
5. **Alice Davis**. She married **Mr. James**.
vi. **James J. Davis**, b. Mar 1931, d. Aug 1935.[430]
vii. **Peggy Lee Davis**, b. 16 Nov 1936.

f. **Mamie Davis**, b. 17 Apr 1892, d. 17 May 1912.[431]
g. **Myrtle Daisy Davis**, b. 13 Jun 1894, d. 22 Jun 1975.[432] She married **George Emmett Asbury** on 11 Sep 1912 in Chester, Randolph County Illinois,[433] and they had at least three children:
i. **Marie Frieda Asbury**, b. 29 Sep 1913, d. 17 Aug 1993.[434] She married **Joseph H. Kuegler** and they had at least one son together:
1. **Donald Joseph Kuegler**.
ii. **Ola A. Asbury**, b. 8 Oct 1914, d. 15 Sep 1916.[435]
iii. **Charles Everett Asbury**, b. 2 Nov 1916, Feb 1973.[436] He married **Edna Maxine Heck** and they had at least two children together:
1. **Norma Jean Asbury**, b. about 1939.
2. **Gerold Lee Asbury**.
h. **Uno Clyo Davis**, b. 11 May 1897, d. 27 Jul 1912.[437]

3. **CYRUS DAVIS**, b. about 1855.
4. **HENRY MICHAEL DAVIS**, b. 17 Oct 1859, d. 22 Sep 1932.[438] He first married **Martha Ann Lewis** on 18 Jul 1878 and she bore his eldest son, **Murray**. He married second **Laura Isabelle King** on 4 Sep 1884, and she bore the remainder of his children. In the 1900 Census, she stated she had given birth to six children, only four of whom were alive at that time, and by 1910 that number

[428] Ancestry.com's *Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index 1916-1947, FHL Film* # 1562100.
[429] *Thesouthern.com/news/local/obituaries/carl-davis/article_c68f8dab-14e2-5918-a8cd-53ce1a8face9.html.* Accessed 28 Oct 2017.
[430] Ancestry.com's *Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index 1916-1947, FHL Film* # 1765616.
[431] *Find A Grave, Memorial* #80341797. Headstone photo. Accessed 28 Oct 2017.
[432] *Find A Grave, Memorial* #130154140. Headstone photo. Accessed 28 Oct 2017.
[433] *Randolph County, Illinois Marriages, Record F*, page 44.
[434] Ancestry.com's *U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007, SSN* 48124245.
[435] Ancestry.com's *Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index 1916-1947, FHL Film* # 1531028.
[436] *Find A Grave, Memorial* #142967897. No headstone photo. Accessed 28 Oct 2017.
[437] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 80341770. Headstone photo. Accessed 28 Oct 2017.
[438] *Missouri Board of Health, Certificate of Death* # 28665, and family record of Dennis Dwyer.

had risen to eleven children, nine of who were alive at that time. A transcribed Bible record (source unknown) in the possession of **Dennis Dwyer** gives us the names of the two children who had died prior to 1900: **Orville** and **Odiz**,

a. **Murry Davis**, b. 1 Jun 1883, d. 30 Oct 1972.[439] He married **Mary Catherine Leible**[440] on 2 May 1904 in Perry County, Missouri. They had at least four children together:
    i. **Laura M. Davis**, b. 1 Dec 1904, d. 19 Feb 1998.[441] She married **Herbert J. Tucker** and Census records show that they had one son:
        1. **Harold Tucker**.
    ii. **Carrie Leola Davis**, b. 23 Dec 1906, d. 2 Jul 1985.[442] She married **Harvey J. Chavaux**. Census records list the following children:
        1. **Harvey Paul Chavaux**. He married **Jean Ann Sandbrink** in 1953.[443]
    iii. **Ada Catherine B. Davis**, b. 20 Jan 1909, d. 19 Sep 1985.[444] She married **Lawrence Henry Dickhans** and Census records show that they had two sons:
        1. **Dale Dickhans**.
        2. **Roland Dickhans**.
    iv. **Ray Mathis Davis**, b. 10 Sep 1911, d. 9 Apr 2000.[445] He married **Myrtle A**. Census records record one son:
        1. **Jerry Davis**.
    v. **Howard Elmer Davis**, b. 9 Apr 1916, d. 25 Apr 2012.[446] He married **Helen Lorraine Ellis** on 26 Oct 1940.
        1. **Rhonda Davis**. She married **Alan Frentzel**.
        2. **Vicki Davis**. She married **Dennis Krupp**.
b. **Amos Elmer Davis**, b. 9 Nov 1885, d. 12 Oct 1948.[447] He married **Katherine Calvin** on 22 Jul 1929 in Scott County, Missouri. Per Census records, they had no children together.
c. **Orville Lee Davis**, b. 11 Aug 1891, d. 14 Mar 1894.
d. **Odiz Clarence Davis**, b. 24 Feb 1894, d. 14 Oct 1897.
e. **John Edward Davis**, b. 10 Jan 1896, d 6 Oct 1932. He married first **Mary Naoma "Oma" Saliers** on 19 Aug 1922 is Scott County, Missouri.

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[439] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 48362021. Headstone photo. Accessed 28 Oct 2017.
[440] Ancestry.com's *Missouri Marriage Records 1805-2002*.
[441] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 33464904. Shared headstone with Herbert J. Tucker. Accessed 28 Oct 2017.
[442] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 32536565. Shared headstone with Paul H. Chavaux and Jean A. Chavaux. Accessed 28 Oct 2017.
[443] Stlouisreview.com/article/2014-04-23/obituary-deacon-paul. Accessed 28 Oct 2017.
[444] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 146180469. Shared headstone with Lawrence H. Dickhans. Accessed 28 Oct 2017.
[445] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 144906974. Shared headstone with Myrtle A. Davis. Accessed 28 Oct 2017.
[446] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 89219317. Shared headstone with Helen Davis. Memorial contains an unsourced obituary for Howard E. Davis. Accessed 28 Oct 2017.
[447] *Find A Grave, Memorial* #36705951. Headstone photo. Accessed 28 Oct 2017.

He married second **Annie Sophia (Kohleffel) Culpepper**. There was one son by the first marriage:

i. **Carl Freeman Davis**, b. 23 Feb 1925, d. 25 Oct 2003. He married **Patricia Walls** on 21 Oct 1950. They had two sons:[448]

1. **Edward Davis**. His wife's name was **Lara**.
2. **Patrick Davis**. His wife's name was **Elaine**.

f. **William Earnie Davis**, b. 12 Oct 1897, d. 7 Oct 1966. He married **Tony**. His death certificate was attested by **Marie Davis** of Benton, Missouri, presumably a daughter.[449]

g. **Melvin Henry Harry Davis**, b. 14 Sep 1899, d. 14 Jul 1953.[450] He married first **Nannie Rachel Smith** on 15 Sep 1920 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, he married second **Marian Cozellia "Zella" Riley** on 11 Jun 1927 in Cape Girardeau County, and he married third **Jewel Lorene Beardsley** on 3 Oct 1937.[451] His first two children were by **Zella**, the remainder were by **Jewel**:

i. **Melba Louise Davis**, b. 12 Mar 1928, d. 16 Apr 2002. She married **Marvin D. Sellers**.[452]
ii. **Mary F. Davis**, b. about 1930.
iii. **Shelby Jean Davis**, b. 2 Jan 1939. She married **Norman Willard Tidwell** on 1 Jun 1974 in Wayne County, Missouri. She also married **Mr. Johnson**.
iv. **LaVedia Davis**, b. 3 Jan 1944. She married **Mr. Parrent**.
v. **Betty Davis**. She married **Mr. Williams**.
vi. **Peggy Davis**. She married **Mr. Goins**.
vii. **Fred Davis**.

h. **Mae Gertrude "Gurtie" Davis**, b. 20 Nov 1901, d. 13 Jan 1921.[453]

i. **Ida Annabelle Davis**, b. 17 Oct 1903, d. 27 Jan 1973.[454] Her first child appears to have been born out of wedlock. She then married **Grover Cleveland Mobley** on 1 Feb 1928 in Scott County, Missouri. Census records show three children of theirs:

i. **Thelma Louise Davis**, b. about 1925, d. about 1997. She married **Walter Michael Pobst** on 30 Oct 1943 in Oklahoma. They had at least one son together:

1. **Boyd Edward Pobst**.

ii. **Lora Annabelle Mobley**, b. 22 Feb 1931. She married **Josephus Lacoil Smith** on 13 Jun 1946 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.

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[448] *Alton Telegraph*, 29 Oct 2003, page 5.
[449] *Missouri Division of Health, Standard Certificate of Death*, State File Number 66 0041853.
[450] *Missouri Division of Health, Standard Certificate of Death*, State File Number 27404.
[451] *Find A Grave, Memorial* #31650918. Headstone photo and sourced obituary for Jewel Lorene Beardsley. Accessed 28 Oct 2017.
[452] *Find A Grave, Memorial* #138836627. Headstone photo. Accessed 28 Oct 2017.
[453] *Missouri Division of Health, Standard Certificate of Death*, *Registration District 131, Primary Registration District 5182*, File # 377.
[454] *Find A Grave, Memorial* #28927570. Headstone photo and sourced, but undated, obituary for Ida Annabelle Mobley. Accessed 28 Oct 2017.

iii. **David F. Mobley**, b. 11 Dec 1932, d. 25 Nov 2011. He married **Shirley Moore** on 22 Oct 1951 in Stoddard County, Missouri. They had four children together:[455]
   1. **Terry Mobley**.
   2. **Lonnie Mobley**.
   3. **Co-Ann Mobley**. She married **Johnny Below**.
   4. **Punky Mobley**. She married **Bill Masters**.

iv. **Jesse Leveral "JL" Mobley**, b. 17 Dec 1936, d. 23 Feb 1988.[456] He married **Patricia A**. on 26 Oct 1953.

j. **Bessie Bernice Davis**, b. 25 Feb 1905, d. 28 Dec 1991.[457] She married first **Allen King Mabuce** and second **Randall Johnson**. All children were by the first marriage:

i. **Allen Junior Mabuce**, b. 29 Apr 1922, d. 19 Jun 1990. He married first **Fae Denman** on 2 May 1948 in Randolph County, Arkansas. He married second **Nancy Eileen Landers**.

ii. **Leola Bernice Mabuce**, b. 17 Jan 1926, d. 29 Jul 1978.[458] She married first **Orval G. Peterman** on 1 Jul 1945 in Arkansas. She married second **Mr. Hawn**. She married third **Howard H. Fishburn**.[459]
   1. **Dale Peterman**.
   2. **Robert Hawn**.
   3. **Janet Hawn**. She married first **Daryl S. Putnam** and second **Charles M. Kelley**.
   4. **Sandra K. Fishburn**. She married **Loren MacArthur**.

iii. **Edna R. Mabuce**, b. about 1928. She married **Mr. Finely/Finley**.

iv. **Thelma L. Mabuce**, b. 15 Jun 1930. She married **Mr. Robertson**.

v. **Norma Gene Mabuce**, b. 7 Apr 1931. She married **Elmer L. Reed** on 8 Aug 1947 in Madison County, Missouri. They had at least four children.
   1. **Rickie Lewis Reed**. He married **Ethel May**.[460]
   2. **Danny Reed**.
   3. **Mike Reed**.
   4. **Karen Reed**.

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[455] *www.semissourian.com/story/1788603.html*. Obituary of David Mobley. Accessed 29 Oct 2017.
[456] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 67252627. Headstone photo. Stone is shared with Patricia A. Accessed 29 Oct 2017.
[457] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 34368938. No headstone photo, unsourced obituary for Bessie B. Johnson. Accessed 29 Oct 2017.
[458] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 33282825. Headstone photo, sourced obituary for Leola Fishburn. Accessed 29 Oct 2017.
[459] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 12276309. Headstone photo, unsourced obituary for Howard H. Fishburn. Accessed 29 Oct 2017.
[460] *Dailyjournalonline.com/democrat-news/news/local/local-obituaries/article_1685d208-f74f-5d4e-8f7d-400aba811ef1.html*. Obituary for Rickie Lewis Reed. Accessed 29 Oct 2017.

vi. **Darrell Eugene Mabuce**, b. 27 Dec 1940, d. 10 Jan 2001.[461] He married **Judith Ann**. They had at least two sons:[462]
1. **Raymond J. Mabuce**.
2. **Ronald Alan Mabuce**.

vii. **Pauline Mabuce**, b. unknown. She married **James Edward Murray**.

k. **Arthur Clyde Davis**, b. 29 Apr 1911, d. 27 Apr 1966.[463] He married **Audie Marie Graves** on 30 Jan 1939 in Stoddard County, Missouri. They had seven children (order of birth not known):
i. **Katherine Lavoin Davis**. She married **Mr. Surface**.
ii. **Arthur Clyde Davis, Jr**.
iii. **Ronnie E. Davis**.
iv. **Harold Davis**.
v. **Carla Davis**.
vi. **Barbara Davis**.
vii. **Margaret Davis**. She married **Mr. Talley**.

Andrew Jackson Davis' children by **Susannah Tope**. In the 1900 Census, she stated that she had given birth to five children, only four of whom were alive at that time. Census records only identify four of her children.

5. **JAMES GRANVILLE DAVIS**, b. 14 Sep 1867, d. 20 Aug 1951. He married **Martha Susanna Catherine (Hewitt) Miller** on 24 Mar 1891. The 1900 Census states that she had given birth to five children, only four of whom were alive at that time (the eldest was a daughter [**Flora B. Miller**] by her first husband, **David W. Miller**). Later Census records add two additional daughters.
a. **Andrew Jackson Davis, Sr.**, b. 31 Mar 1893, d. 20 Sep 1972. He married **Sallie Beatrice Swain** on 12 Jul 1917 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. Census records identify two children:
i. **Leah Davis**, b. about 1919.
ii. **Andrew Jackson Davis, Jr.**, b. 3 Mar 1921, d. 22 Jun 1994. He married **Velma D. Milligin**, and they had several children:[464]
1. **Jacqueline M. "Jackie" Davis**. She married **Mr. Dieterle**.
2. **Bobbie Kay Davis**. She married **Mr. Gray**.
3. **Paula Jean Davis**. She married **Mr. Mote**.
4. **Christine Louise Davis**. She married **Mr. Kelley**.
5. **Samuel Davis**.
6. **Tulip Davis**.

[461] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 98812404. Headstone photo. Accessed 29 Oct 2017.
[462] *San Manuel Miner, Volume 56, No. 34, Wednesday, August 25, 2010, page 1*, Lest We Forget: Mabuce Deployed to Arizona Border (Biography of Jeffery "JJ" Mabuce).
[463] *Find A Grave, Memorial* # 66503137. Headstone photo and unsourced obituary for Clyde Davis. Accessed 29 Oct 2017.
[464] *www.legacy.com/obituaries/pe/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pie=19728014*. The obituary of Velma D. Davis, as published in the *Press-Enterprise* on 26 Oct 2006. Accessed 30 Oct 2017.

b. **Willis Edgar Davis**, b. 25 Dec 1895. He likely never married: he was single in 1932 and receiving a disability pension from the Army.[465]
c. **Aaron Francis Davis (Alias: J. W. Stewart)**, b. 28 Feb 1897, d. 26 Jul 1982.[466] His records at Folsom State Prison state that he was married at age 21 and his 1930 Census record states he was married at that time. He was incarcerated twice in California for evading a legal office and receipt of stolen property. He had prior convictions in Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. His wife has not been identified.
d. **Susanne Davis**, b. about 1902.
e. **Opal Vergie Davis**, b. 19 Oct 1907, d. Dec 1988.[467] She married first **Fred Harrison Forbis** on 23 Oct 1922 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, and they had two children together. She married second **Robert Lee Everson** on 12 Jul 1948 in California.
    i. **Carl Forbis**, b. 23 Aug 1923, d. 28 Sep 1993.
    ii. **Viola May Forbis**, b. 4 Oct 1925, d. 23 Aug 1990. She married first a **Mr. Borosh**, and married second **Albert John Douglas**.

6. **JESSE DAVIS**, b. about 1869.
7. **NANCY CATHERINE DAVIS**, b. Aug 1871. She married **James Harvey Carter** on 10 Mar 1892 in Jackson County, Illinois. In the 1900 Census, she stated that she had given birth to two children, both of whom were alive at that time. Later Census records add one additional child. In the 1920 Census she was widowed.
    a. **Chester Claude Carter**, b. 27 May 1893, d. 1955. He married **Madge**.
    b. **Laura Fay Carter**, b. Feb 1899.
    c. **Raymond Carter**, b. about 1907.
8. **LAURA ELLEN DAVIS**, b. 11 Jan 1880, d. 7 May 1969. She married first **Valentine E. Criss** on 2 Jan 1901 in Jackson County, Illinois. They divorced, and she married **Leo Bullinger** on 22 Feb 1917 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.
    a. **Anna May Criss**, b. 8 Feb 1904, d. 4 Feb 1931.[468] She married first **Charlie Robison** on 16 Sep 1919 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. She married second **John W. Ide** on 21 Jul 1930 in Scott County, Missouri.
        i. **Laura Ellen Robison**, b. 31 May 1920, d. 25 Apr 1993. She married first **Oliver Bertrand Zook** on 9 Apr 1939 in Mississippi County, Missouri. She married second **Clarence York** on 19 Jan 1946 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. She then married a **Mr. Biri**, followed by a **Mr. Smith**. The 1940 Census shows one child by the first marriage:
            1. **James Zook**, b. about 1938.

[465] Ancestry.com's *U.S. National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers 1866-1938, Sawtelle, Registers, S.*
[466] Ancestry.com's *U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007, SSN* 490143927.
[467] Ancestry.com's *Social Security Death Index, SSN* 553-05-3469.
[468] *Missouri State Board of Health, Certificate of Death, Registration District 89, Primary Registration District 3007, File No.* 4720, Registered No. 38.

b. **Andrew Peter Bullinger**, b. 1 Apr 1919, 22 Dec 1995.[469] He married **Pauline L. Cox** on 14 Sep 1940 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. They had at least three children together (birth order not known):
   i. **Andy Bullinger**.
   ii. **Janet Bullinger**.
   iii. **Rodney Glen Bullinger**.
c. **Oma Louise Bullinger**, b. 20 Oct 1922, d. 19 Jan 2001.[470] She married **Earl Alvin Eakins** on 28 Nov 1938. His obituary lists three children, plus an unidentified infant.
   i. **Leslie Earl Eakins**.
   ii. **Brenda J. Eakins**.
   iii. **Martha L. Eakins**.

[469] *http://www.semissourian.com/story/281084.html*. Obituary for Pauline Bullinger. Accessed 30 Mar 2017.
[470] *http://www.semissourian.com/story/163631.html*. Obituary for Earl Eakins. Accessed 30 Mar 2017.

Michael Davis

Michael Davis died on 5 Mar 1966 with no children, and his wife Elizabeth died within a month later. His brother-in-law John Bradshaw was initially appointed administrator. John Bradshaw died on 25 Sep1867 while administering Michael's estate. On 22 Jan 1868, James B. Boren was granted letters of administration for the estate, stating that he was the husband of Michael Jackson's stepdaughter, who was the sole heir to his estate. But by 1869, Aaron Easterly submitted the final settlement, where the estate was rolled over to be settled as part of the estate of John Bradshaw, Michael's brother-in-law. Jahu Davis had declined administration of his brother's will. He died two years later, which suggests that he may have realized that the job would require more time and effort than he could spare. [471]

The 1850 Census for Jackson County, Illinois shows that his household also included Nancy C. Hammett, age 18, and Sophia Davis, age 11. Sophia married Stephen Bradshaw on 10 Feb 1857. But there is no record of Sophia in the 1860 Census, though there is a Nancy Bradshaw, age 3, living in Michael Davis' household that year. If the probate is accurate, then neither Sophia, nor her likely daughter Nancy, had outlived Michael Davis.

[471] *Jackson County, Illinois Probate Files, Division A, Box 16*, File 635.

Excellence is to do a common thing
in an uncommon way
-Booker T. Washington

Chapter 5: "Arkansas" Ralph Davis

[NOTE: Due to the lack of direct evidence connecting the individuals in this chapter to Mathis Davis or his children, no primary record citations are given. Most available citations can be found in the FamilySearch Tree profiles for Ralph Davis and his descendants.][472]

Did James, Aaron and Amos have another brother, whose name was Ralph?

There is a Ralph Davis, whom we'll refer to as "Arkansas" Ralph to minimize confusion with others of the same given name, who shows up in records of Arkansas Territory starting in 1828 in Pope County. His descendants have been able to DNA triangulate their relationship back to our Davises of Jackson County, Illinois and our shared ancestors and cousins from Moore County, North Carolina. It is not my intent here to prove that connection, as there are virtually no public records available to support the theory. Instead, I'll state that I believe they are likely correct, and lay out the few facts that support their theory. I will also document some of Arkansas Ralph's descendants.

First, any DNA triangulation matching to our Davises suggests descent from one of Arthur Davis' two sons: Ralph "the elder" or Mathis (our line). One of Ralph the elder's sons (also a Ralph) left a will in 1811 naming his heirs. Elder seemingly had one or two other sons, though less is known of what became of them, though it is likely one of them migrated to Alabama. Some of Ralph Junior's children moved to Georgia.

The three migration paths (Mathis' to Illinois plus the two mentioned above) help to narrow down that Arkansas Ralph most likely belongs to Mathis' line, the only line that migrated to what at the time was the Far West. Indeed, several people who show up in the 1818 and 1820 Censuses for Jackson County, Illinois migrated to Arkansas Territory once it was created in 1819, or shortly thereafter, when additional lands were ceded by the Choctaw.

Arkansas Ralph could not have been Ralph the Elder's son, as the latter had a son named Ralph who died in Moore County, North Carolina in 1811. He could not have been Ralph Junior's son, as his sons are named in his will. By process of elimination, Arkansas Ralph was likely to have been Mathis' son, and Mathis' Census records certainly allow for that possibility (it is also possible he was descended from one of Ralph the Elders other sons, but there are no clues that suggest this is likely). It also is consistent with the normal tendency of the time period that close family stuck together. You rarely see cousins leaving their family to go elsewhere with an uncle or aunt. It was common that siblings migrated in groups of two or more, often with others from their neighborhood.

Let's look at Mathis' 1790 Census record for Moore County, North Carolina, as it is one means of possibly disproving that Ralph was Mathis' son. If there is no possible fit for him in Mathis' household, we are clearly on the wrong track. In that census, his household had four sons under age 16, and his sons James and Arthur had their own

[472] GVMM-Q77, as of 5 Jan 2024.

households that year. One of those four sons was Aaron, and one was Amos. Thus, there were two remaining sons, one of whom could have been, and likely was, Arkansas Ralph.

Mathis' 1800 Census records shows one son aged 10-15 (born between 1785 and 1790), who is a possible match to Ralph (listed as born between 1780 and 1790 in the 1830 Census). Amos Davis was missing from that Census, though he likely was born by 1780.

There is an 1805 tax list for Williamson County, Tennessee that lists Ralph Davis. Also listed is Matthias Davis (with John Davis living next door), Amos Davis (likely not related, as there are several Davises listed nearby on the same page), and a James Davis, Senior. None of the four men is found in close proximity to one another. Whether any of them are related to our Davises of the same given names is impossible to determine, though it is likely that Matthias is a match to Mathis, since he appears there only in that year, and just three years before he first shows up in records of Livingston County, Kentucky. That makes it likely that it was Arkansas Ralph who was taxed that year, as no other Ralph Davises are found in Census records anywhere near where Mathis and his known sons had lived (though the 1810 Census is missing for all but one county in Tennessee).

And we've already learned that Amos had been in that same part of Tennessee prior to 1820. His son Willis was married there in 1820, and moved from there to Jackson County, Illinois in the late 1820s, not long before Ralph shows up in Arkansas Territory. It's even possible that Ralph and Willis had migrated together. Ralph could have stopped briefly in Jackson County, or headed directly down the Ohio River to Arkansas. If the former happened, he didn't stay long enough to leave any trace in Illinois.

The 1830 Census for Pope County, Arkansas shows that Ralph Davis was born between 1780 and 1790, which is perhaps a bit younger than Amos Davis, but still a good fit for what is known of Mathis' household. He is also found there in tax lists of 1828 and 1832. Pope County is located northwest of Central Arkansas.

In 1835, Ralph Davis was taxed in Crawford County, which is located in Northwestern Arkansas. Crawford County is currently three counties west of Pope County, though in 1835 it was only two counties west, as it included most of present-day Franklin County.

In 1836, Ralph Davis died in Washington County, Arkansas, which abuts Crawford County's northern boundary. His will identifies his wife as Ginny. His other heirs were identified as his wife's daughter Polly (no surname given) and his children (also no surnames given, and only the first two were still living with him at the time of his death):

1. Jefferson,
2. Aaron,
3. John,
4. James,
5. Lovey,
6. Pattsey,

7. Ralph,
8. Thomas, and
9. Polly.

The above children appear to be from at least two different wives. And James, Thomas, Aaron, Patsy and Ralph are familiar given names among our Davises from Jackson County, Illinois.

The thought that Jefferson and Aaron were Ginny's sons is reinforced because they remained in Carroll County, Arkansas, where it appears that their mother had moved to be closer to her relatives after Ralph's death.

The others appear to have had a different mother because they all scattered. Ralph had moved to Lamar County, Texas by 1835. John followed around 1838, and Thomas moved there by 1844. Likely the daughters also moved to Texas, though there are no extant marriage records for Washington County or Carroll County, Arkansas to provide simple, unambiguous clues about what became of them.

In 1838, Carroll County (Arkansas) Baptist Church was founded. An undated list of members includes the name of Janey Davis. Her son Jefferson is said to have married Catherine Standlee. John, Abraham and David "Standley" were also listed as members.

Jane Davis is found enumerated in the 1840 Census for Carroll County, Arkansas, which in 1840 abutted the southern boundary of Missouri and was two counties east of Washington County. Living in her household were two males, aged 10-14 (Jefferson and Aaron).

In the 1850 Census, Jane Davis is listed in the household of her son Aaron in Carroll County, Arkansas. Jefferson Davis was living next door, and their households were bookended by the households of two different Joseph Standlees.

The headstone of her grave at Bunch Cemetery in Berryville, Carroll County, Arkansas states that she died on 10 Apr 1859. Her son Jefferson is also buried there.

The palest ink is better
than the sharpest memory.
-Chinese Proverb

Chapter 6: Mathis Davis

Now that the available facts have been adequately covered about the three principle subjects of this book (James, Aaron and Willis Davis), it is time to do a little well-reasoned speculation. As stated in the *Introduction*, living one household away from Aaron Davis in the 1820 *Federal* Census for Jackson County, Illinois, was the household of Matthias Davis. And in the 1820 *Illinois* Census (which was enumerated on 23 Mar 1819 and filed for record on 1 Aug 1820), Matthias Davis was living next door to Aaron Davis, and James Davis was living just seven households away.[473]

This chapter will pull together facts that seemingly point to the person that we believe to have been named Mathis Davis, whose given name is also found in records transcribed as Mathes, Matthew, Matthews and Matthias. While some such variations are the transcriber's interpretations of the name from writings in cursive script, it is more likely that, more than two centuries ago, Mathis/Mathes and Matthew/Matthews were more phonetically similar than they are today (the "oo" sound of Matthew back then may have been more of an "uh" sound). At any rate, there are other researchers with ancestors of the surname Matthews who claim Mathis/Mathes to be a phonetic variant of that surname. This is somewhat intriguing, as the Davises had several Mathews neighbors in Moore County, North Carolina: could Mathis' mother or a grandparent have been a Mathews? There are no clues to support such a notion, and if Mathis was given an ancestor's surname, that person could have been any number of generations back.

Continuing backward in time from the 1820 Census, Mathis Davis, and Martha his wife, sold 174 acres in Livingston County, Kentucky on 26 Mar 1818.[474] He is found in tax lists there every year from 1808 until 1817 (with the exception of 1811).[475]

Aaron Davis then purchased a property in Big Hill Township of Jackson County from William Boon on 3 Oct 1818. The timing of these transactions, together with Aaron being enumerated living next to a Matthias Davis (who was over 45 years old and living with a female of the same age range) in both the 1820 Federal and 1820 Illinois Census enumerations is strong circumstantial evidence of their familial relationship. It is mainly the lack of a consistent spelling of Mathis' given name (in an era when nearly all spellings where phonetic) that prevents it from being nearer to direct proof. Yet the facts are very compelling, so let us see what else can be learned of this man.

Mathis Davis' 174 acres on Biswell Creek in Livingston County, Kentucky was surveyed on 21 Feb 1815 by James Rutter, with William Ramsey and William Peppin as chain carriers. It was part of a 400-acre grant to John Marshall that was made on 4 Jan 1803.[476]

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[473] *www.historykat.com/IL/census/1820/IL30-3502/IL.30.3503.0057.html* (accessed 17 Oct 2017), and Ancestry.com's *Illinois, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1810-1890*.
[474] *Kentucky, Livingston County, Deeds, Book D*, page 287, *FHL microfilm #007897615*, image 584 of 857, Davis to McElenny.
[475] *Kentucky, Livingston County, Tax Lists, 1808-1810, 1812-1817, FHL microfilm #007834485*, images 210, 397, 427, 496, 532, 570, 608, 643, and 677 of 1301.
[476] *South of Green River Land Grants, Kentucky Secretary of State*, Survey # 12945. Ancestry.com's *Kentucky, Land Grants, Book Number 23*.

It is doubtful that the chain carriers or original grantee were in any way related to Mathis, but it is impossible to know that for certain. It was often the case that a son-in-law would lend a hand for such an enterprise. Though Mathis was old enough that it is also possible that a grandson participated.

We are told that Aaron Davis had moved from Kentucky prior to settling in Jackson County, though there is no clue as to where he had lived there.[477] If he had lived briefly in Livingston County, he was not there long enough to have paid the poll tax, as his name does not show up on tax lists from 1815-1818 (the period of time when Mathis Davis owned his property there). So, it is possible that Mathis Davis was the family progenitor, but he also could have been another brother or other relative, since Aaron was also over age 45 in the 1820 Census. If Mathis died in Jackson County, then the hope of finding any public record to directly prove how he relates to James, Aaron and Amos is exceedingly small.

It may well have been that Mathis had died in Jackson County, as a notice in the *Western Intelligencer* on 21 May 1821 states that Mrs. Patsy Davis married Mr. John Gathers there, and that the ceremony was attended by the children and grandchildren of the bride.[478] Anyone who, in Jackson County in 1821, could have had a wedding that was attended by children and grandchildren is pretty remarkable, as the area was still sparsely settled, with most residents having lived there less than 10 years (the state's first newspaper had only been in print for seven years at that time). With Patsy being a common nickname for the given name of Martha, the odds are quite good that this was Mathis' widow, and that he had died at sometime soon after the 1820 Census. It is also possible that James' daughter had been named after her paternal grandmother.

It can be deduced from available facts about their children that James and Aaron Davis had lived in North Carolina until at least the mid-1800s. Too little information is known about Amos Davis to know his whereabouts until he reached Tennessee (by at least the mid-1810s). But his eldest child was born there around 1820, implying that he had come of age by at least around 20 years prior. If he had married after the summer of 1800, then he would not have been enumerated in a North Carolina census, since it seems the entire family had left the state before 1810. It seems likely that either he was not married until after 1800, or that he was living in someone else's household if he had married before then.

We are told that James Davis came from North Carolina, where he had settled at "an early date."[479] But we have no further clues to help to solve the puzzle of where he had lived in that state. But the facts presented in the following sections seem to be more than a coincidentally good fit for what is known about James and his brothers, as was summarized in the preceding paragraph.

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[477] *History of Jackson County, Illinois* by Brink, McDonough & Company (1878), page 118.
[478] *Early Kaskaskia, Illinois Newspapers, Dec. 10 1814 – July 23, 1832* by Lola Frazer Crowder (Dec 1992), page 50.
[479] *Portrait and Biographical Record of Randolph, Jackson, Perry and Monroe Counties, Illinois* by Biographical Publishing Company (1894), pages 698.

The 1800 Census for Moore County, North Carolina contains records of a Mathis Davis and an Aaron Davis living close to one another, just as was the case in 1820 in Jackson County, Illinois. It is this combination of Mathis Davis and Aaron Davis living side-by-side in both counties that makes this a coincidence worth exploring.

But an 1889 courthouse fire in Moore County resulted in a near complete loss of records, eliminating many of the avenues for attempting to find a clear relationship between these men and these places. So, during the time period while they were in Moore County, only Federal Census and a few scant miscellaneous records have survived to provide us with any useful information. But prior to its formation in 1784, Moore County was part of Cumberland County, North Carolina, where a few more records are extant. Thus, we will start there, prior to the Revolutionary War, with a family that had lived in a part of Cumberland County which later became Moore County.

Court, Land and Tax Records

Our investigation of Cumberland County records begins with the will of Arthur Davis, which was written in 1774 and probated in 1779. It names his wife Ann, sons Mattheas and Ralph, sons-in-law Abram Coles, James Maples and Thomas Maples, and granddaughter Bileyon (sp?) Davis. His son Ralph was named executor.[480] No deeds were located that identify the names of Arthur's daughters.

From this point forward, available records are provided in chronological order. Thus, court records, deeds, land grants and tax records are interwoven to give as complete a picture as possible (prior to the formation of Moore County, North Carolina in 1784) of the people named in Arthur Davis' will.

The earliest Cumberland County deed of interest was executed on 25 Jul 1772 from Thomas Tucker to Arthur Davis of Cumberland County, where he acquired 300 acres for £38 10s.[481] This property involved land that was located on Dunham's Creek, a branch of Crain's Creek, and had been granted to Thomas Tucker on 16 Dec 1769. It was witnessed by Hugh Gilmore and Thomas Maples, and proved by Thomas Maples in Jul 1772.[482]

On 29 Apr 1775, George Gilmore sold to Ralph Davis for £20, 150 acres on a branch of Crain's Creek.[483]

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[480] Ancestry.com's *North Carolina, Wills and Probate Records, 1665-1998*, image 493 of 518.
[481] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Deeds, Book E/Book 5*, page 32.
[482] *Miscellaneous Ancient Records of Moore County, N. C.* by Rassie E. Wicker (1971, self-published?), page 43, and *Abstracts of Deeds of Cumberland County, North Carolina: Volume 2 – Books 4 through 7, 1770 to 1785* by William C. Fields (1999), page 46.
[483] *Abstracts of Deeds of Cumberland County, North Carolina: Volume 2 – Books 4 through 7, 1770 to 1785* by William C. Fields (1999), page 213.

In 1777, in Captain Hugh Gilmore's District, James Maples was taxed for £100 on line 18, Arthur Davis on line 39 was taxed for £60 12s, on line 40 Abram Cole was taxed for £100 and on line 54 Matthew Davis was taxed for £100.[484]

In 1778, in Captain Hugh Gilmore's District, Ralph Davis was assessed on £240 8s 8p on line 6, on line 11 Thomas Maples for £317 15s, line 14 Abram Cole for £100, line 15 James Maple for £100, line 38 Arthur Davis for £350, and line 39 Matthew Davis for £100. [485]

On 2 Nov 1778, Arthur Davis executed a deed of gift to his son Mathis Davis, planter, both of Cumberland County, for 100 acres whereupon said Mathis now lives on a branch of Dunham's Creek, which is a branch of Crain's Creek. Witnessed by Jas. McDonald and Abraham Cole, proved by Jas. McDonald Jan 1779.[486]

On 28 Nov 1778, Arthur Davis executed a deed of gift to his son-in-law Abraham Cole for 100 acres of land where said Cole now lives, to be taken from the 300 acres that Arthur owned which was located on the Cow Branch, and adjoining Dunhams Creek, a branch of Crains Creek.[487]

In 1779, in Captain Heard's District, Abram Cole was assessed for £560, Ann Davis (widow of Arthur) was assessed for £200, James Maples for £260, Matthis Davis for £640, Ralf Davis for £820 and Thomas Maples for £2020 and £6060.[488]

On 25 Apr 1780, Matthis Davis proved the will of Arthur Davis, and Ann Davis qualified as his executrix.[489]

On 24 Oct 1780, Samuel Davis was granted administration of the estate of Arthur Davis upon posting a bond for £10,000. William Sproul, Esq. acted as security.[490] This is the only record of the existence of Samuel Davis. If he was a relative, he likely lived outside of Cumberland County.

In 1780, in Captain Heard's district, on page 6, "Abrham" Cole was assessed for 150 acres of land, £270, 1 horse, 4 cattle and no cash ("00") amounting to £122, total £392. On page 63, James "Mapels" was assessed for 100 acres of land £135 and £10 8s cash, for a total value of £145 8s. On page 63A, Ann Davis was assessed for 1 horse and 4 cattle, total value £120. On page 64A "Mathes Davies" was assessed for 150 acres of

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[484] *Cumberland County NC, Taxables, 1767, 1777-1783, & 1815, line 18* by Dr. A. B. Pruitt (2015), page 7.
[485] *Cumberland County NC, Taxables, 1767, 1777-1783, & 1815, line 6* by Dr. A. B. Pruitt (2015), page 9.
[486] *Abstracts of Deeds of Cumberland County, North Carolina: Volume 2 – Books 4 through 7, 1770 to 1785* by William C. Fields (1999), page 136, recorded in *Book 6*, page 515.
[487] *Abstracts of Deeds of Cumberland County, North Carolina: Volume 2 – Books 4 through 7, 1770 to 1785* by William C. Fields (1999), page 135, recorded in *Book 6*, page 510.
[488] *Cumberland County NC, Taxables, 1767, 1777-1783, & 1815* by Dr. A. B. Pruitt (2015), page 44.
[489] *Abstracts of Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Cumberland County, North Carolina, April 1779 to Jan 1791: Volume II* by William C. Fields (1981), page 22.
[490] *Abstracts of Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Cumberland County, North Carolina, April 1779 to Jan 1791: Volume II* by William C. Fields (1981), page 31.

land, 10 cattle, 1 horse and £1.5 in cash, for a total value of £344 ½. On page 64, Ralph Davis was assessed for 150 acres, 2 horses, 12 cattle and £8 cash, total £481 & £1,443, and Thomas Maples was assessed for 200 acres of land £270, 6 horses, 3 cattle, £65 cash, negro £700, total £1,335 and £4,005.[491]

In 1780 in Captain Avara's district, on page 86A, Arthur Davis was assessed for £400 land and £1,600 personal property.[492] This would seem to have been a son of either Mathis or Ralph.

On 10 Mar 1781, John Hunnicutt conveyed "100 plus 100 acres" on Herd's Creek to Kintchen Kitchen for £3,000 legal money. Ralph Davis and Mathis Davis witnessed the deed. Mathis proved the deed in Jan 1783.[493] [This property is located about two miles due east of Carthage.]

On 26 Oct 1781, Thomas Pate deeded livestock to Mathis Davis.[494]

On 16 Mar 1782, Matthis Davis was issued voucher #1267 in the amount of three pounds two shillings specie for his services in the militia during the Revolutionary War, as returned in payroll #936.[495]

On 20 Apr 1782, John Gilmore sold to Mathis Davis 100 acres for £45 hard money. The property was located on "the drains of Governor Creek, on the south side of Deep River near Michael Hart's upper line to George & Humphrey Gilmore's line." Ann X Seagen (sp?) and Thomas Agerton witnessed the deed.[496] [This was likely northwest of Carthage, but the vague location could cover a very large area.]

On 23 Oct 1782, Thomas Pate, gamekeeper, sold to Mathis Davis 100 acres for £50 specie, located on upper side of Lower Little River on both sides of McDaad's (Wad's) Creek, adjacent Thomas Wadsworth's corner and John Pate's line. Witnesses were Josiah Maples and James Wadsworth.[497] [This location would be about 5 miles due south of Carthage, where Highway 22 crosses Little River.]

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[491] *Cumberland County NC, Taxables, 1767, 1777-1783, & 1815* by Dr. A. B. Pruitt (2015), pages 28 and 29.
[492] *Cumberland County NC, Taxables, 1767, 1777-1783, & 1815* by Dr. A. B. Pruitt (2015), page 38.
[493] *Miscellaneous Ancient Records of Moore County, N. C.* by Rassie E. Wicker (1971, self-published?), page 18, and *Abstracts of Deeds of Cumberland County, North Carolina: Volume 2 – Books 4 through 7, 1770 to 1785* by William C. Fields (1999), page 169. Recorded in *Book G / Book 7*, page 105.
[494] *Abstracts of Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Cumberland County, North Carolina, April 1779 to Jan 1791: Volume II* by William C. Fields (1981), page 165. Recorded *Book 7*, page 165.
[495] *North Carolina, Revolutionary War Pay Vouchers, 1779-1782, Davis, Lewin to Diffy, John, FHL microfilm #004320444*, image 16 of 1035.
[496] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Deeds, Book 7*, page 77, *FHL microfilm# 007546377*, image 459 of 706.
[497] *Miscellaneous Ancient Records of Moore County, N. C.* by Rassie E. Wicker (1971, self-published?), page 55, and *Abstracts of Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Cumberland County, North Carolina, April 1779 to Jan 1791: Volume II* by William C. Fields (1981), page 168. Recorded in *Book G / Book 7*, page 77.

In Nov 1782, Mathis Davis witnessed a deed from David Melton to William Poplin for land that was located three chains west of Governor's Creek. Mathis proved the deed in Apr 1784.[498] [Little Governor's Creek forms the County Line with Lee County, but no land was bought or sold by Mathis Davis in Cumberland County after Moore County was formed.]

In 1783 in Captain Thomas Gilmore's District, Abram Cole was assessed for £40, Ralph Davis for £100, James Maples for £80 and Thomas Maples for £140.[499] The same year, in Captain Gaster's Company, M. Davis was assessed for £230.

From this point forward, records connecting Mathis Davis and James Davis are underlined, as these are important clues that, together with records of Aaron Davis, help to prove that Mathis was James' father.

On 29 Jan 1784, Mathis Davis, James Davis and Arthur Davis were ordered to work under Wadsworth, road supervisor (as was William Peppin, whose deed Mathis witnessed in 1782).[500] Since Arthur Davis, Senior had recently died, this perhaps suggests that James and Arthur were both sons of Mathis Davis. And since James had not previously shown up on tax lists, did he just turn 21? Or were 18-year-olds pressed into service on road crews? The latter fits best with James' 1790 Census record, as it would suggest that he was born in 1766, meaning he likely married in 1787, which is consistent with having a wife and one daughter enumerated with him in the 1790 Census.

On 31 Jan 1784, Ralph Davis and David Gillespie were summoned to attend as constables at the next court.[501]

On 1 May 1784, Ralph Davis entered 100 acres on Cranes Creek, on land that bordered the land of Matthew Davis and Abraham Cole.[502]

At the July 1784 term of the Cumberland County Court, Ralph Davis was allowed 20s for attendance as constable,[503] and in 1788, he was allowed £1 for his attendance as constable at the term of April 1784.[504]

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[498] *Miscellaneous Ancient Records of Moore County, N. C.* by Rassie E. Wicker (1971, self-published?), page 57, *Abstracts of Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Cumberland County, North Carolina, April 1779 to Jan 1791: Volume II* by William C. Fields (1981), page 184. Recorded in *Book G / Book 7*, page 169.
[499] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Tax Lists, 1783, FHL microfilm #007513358*, image 496 of 683.
[500] *Abstracts of Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Cumberland County, North Carolina, April 1779 to Jan 1791: Volume II* by William C. Fields (1981), page 53.
[501] *Abstracts of Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Cumberland County, North Carolina, April 1779 to Jan 1791: Volume II* by William C. Fields (1977), page 56.
[502] *Abstracts of Land Entries: Cumberland County, North Carolina: 1778-1795* by Dr. A. B. Pruitt. (1988), page 44.
[503] *Abstracts of Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Cumberland County, North Carolina, April 1779 to Jan 1791: Volume II* by William C. Fields (1981), page 65.
[504] *Abstracts of Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Cumberland County, North Carolina, April 1779 to Jan 1791: Volume II* by William C. Fields (1981), page 201.

On 4 Jul 1784, Moore County was formed. Due to the 1889 courthouse fire, the remaining paper trail in North Carolina is greatly diminished from this point forward.

On 25 Jan 1785, a deed was proved by Alexander McDonald from George Gilmore to Ralph Davis, "agreeable to a commission issued from this court in July session, 1783."[505]

In Aug 1785, Mattheas Davis was found not guilty of trespass in a suit brought by the State of North Carolina.[506] This appears to have been connected to a claim made in May 1785 by John Kenny that he had stolen a sorrel mare.[507]

On 29 Oct 1785, a commission was issued to a justice in Broad River, South Carolina to take the examination of John Hust on behalf of North Carolina vs. Mathis Davis.[508]

On Jan 26, 1786, a suit was filed by Wm. Mairs against Mathis Davis, with a commission issued to Joseph Green, Esq. or some other Justice in the county of Wayne, to take the examination of John Howell and wife on behalf of the plaintiff, who was to give defendant lawful notice.[509]

In May 1786, Matthews Davis, John Kenny and James Collins were "appointed to lay out the prison [sic: present?] bounds of this county."[510] At the same session of court, Matthew was among several men tasked with laying out a road from the courthouse to Chatham County.[511]

On 28 Apr 1787, the crew of Hardy Smith, road overseer from Buchanon's Ferry to the Wake line, included Math. Davis (Note: this was located in a part of Moore County that would later become Lee County [in 1907]).[512]

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[505] *Abstracts of Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Cumberland County, North Carolina, April 1779 to Jan 1791: Volume II* by William C. Fields (1977), page 76.
[506] *North Carolina, Moore County, Court Minutes, 1784-1787*, page 54. *FHL microfilm #004779580*, image 32 of 221.
[507] *North Carolina, Moore County, Court Minutes, 1784-1787*, page 32. *FHL microfilm #004779580*, image 19 of 221.
[508] *Abstracts of Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Cumberland County, North Carolina, April 1779 to Jan 1791: Volume II* by William C. Fields (1977), page 104.
[509] *Abstracts of Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Cumberland County, North Carolina, April 1779 to Jan 1791: Volume II* by William C. Fields (1977), page 110.
[510] *North Carolina, Moore County, Court Minutes, 1784-1787*, page 102. *FHL microfilm #004779580*, image 57 of 221.
[511] *North Carolina, Moore County, Court Minutes, 1784-1787*, page 98. *FHL microfilm #004779580*, image 55 of 221.
[512] *Abstracts of Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Cumberland County, North Carolina, April 1779 to Jan 1791: Volume II* by William C. Fields (1977), page 163.

At the 19 Feb 1790 session of the Moore County Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions, a deed from John Overton to James Davis was proven in court by the oath of Mathis Davis and ordered to be registered.[513]

In the 1790 Census for Moore County, North Carolina, 'Mathews' Davis and James Davis are found living just two households apart. Listed on the same page was Arthur Davis (Mathis' apparent son), James Maples and Thomas Maples.

On 6 Nov 1791, Matthew Davis and Thomas Agerton were chain carriers for the survey of a 100-acre grant to John Carrel. No watercourse given.[514]

On a 1793 petition to form a new town to be called Alfordstown (for the purpose of locating the courthouse there), in the second part, on page one are the marks of Matthew Davis and Arthur Davis (listed after Kintchin Kitching - they both signed with an X), while on page 3 is a Mathew Davis who signed with an M, who was listed after Burges Davis.[515] This is a confounding discovery, as it suggests that there were potentially two Mathis Davises, with no clear means to distinguish the two men. But since, up until this point, there had been only one Mathis Davis, it is likely the newcomer had just come of age. It seems somewhat likely he may have been Ralph Davis' son, though he could have been unrelated. Another possibility is that Mathis signed twice.

A 1793 tax list submitted by Malcolm Gilchrist to Moore County shows that Matthews Davis paid 5 shillings for the horses that he owned.[516]

There are also four transcribed land grant records for Mathew or Matthew Davis in Moore County, North Carolina between 1799 and 1803, which were likely for the elder Mathis, since a younger Mathis was chain carrier for the 1803 survey:

- On 7 Jun 1799, Grant # 1154, Entry # 593 for 50 acres, beginning on Blanchet's line on Governor's Creek. This grant was assigned from Matthew Coggins. Surveyed by Archd. Ray, chain carriers Charles Seals and John Coggins. [517]
- On 14 Nov 1800, 200 acres on the "dreans" [sic: drains] of Governor's Creek. This was for Grant # 1530, Entry # 680, dated 5 Dec 1793. The original warrant was lost and a duplicate was issued on 14 Dec 1798. Reference is made to James

[513] *North Carolina, Moore County, Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Minutes, Volume A: 1784-1795*, page 270, FHL # 008189220, image 160 of 794.
[514] *www.moorecountywallaces.histories.registry.htm*, ID 44.
[515] *www.moorecountywallaces.com/histories/1793%20Petition3.pdf*, accessed 22 Oct 2017. *Moore County Petition to Form Alfordstown (1793)*, abstracted by Morgan C. Jackson, second part, pages 1 and 3 (derived from *Central North Carolina Journal*, Sept 1993 [edited and published by James V. Comer]). Image of original found at moorecountywallaces.com/showmedia.php?mediaID=2990, image 4, second column.
[516] *www.moorecountywallaces.com/histories/1793%20Moore.pdf*, accessed 22 Oct 2017. Original documents located in *Moore County, North Carolina, Treasurer and Controller Papers, County Settlements, Box 64*.
[517] Ancestry.com's *North Carolina, Land Grant Files, 1693-1960, Moore County*, *Certificate range 1003-1219*, images 1259 to 1262 of 1378, respectively.

Davis' line and McKay's line, near where John Blanchet now lives. Surveyed by Neil McLeod. No chain carriers were noted.[518]

- On 15 Dec 1802, Grants # 20 & 191, entered on 4 Jun 1789 and 10 Sep 1796 (no entry #), for 220 acres "on waters of the Governors Creek." Seventy acres was to be on the east side of James Davis' old survey, and running along two sides of said tract, and 150 acres that was to begin on the upper corner of James Davis' land. Aaron Tyner and Matt Davis, Jr. were chain carriers. Neil McLeod was the surveyor.[519]
- On 15 Dec 1803, Grant # 1764, Entry #309 for 150 acres on the water of Governor's Creek, joining his own lines and the lines of Gilmore and Harts. Surveyed by Neil McLeod. No chain carriers were noted on the survey.[520]

Census Records

In the 1790 Census, in Mathis' household there are four males under age 16, three males over age 16, three females and no slaves. Listed just two households later was James Davis. The intervening household belonged to Priscilla Tyner: was she perhaps a widowed daughter of Mathis Davis? Was Aaron Tyner from the 1802 grant her son, and thus Mathis' grandson?

In the 1790 record for James Davis, his household contains one male under 16, one male over 16 and two females. So, it would seem that he had two young children born in the late 1780s. If he had married at age 21, then he would have been born in the late 1760s. That is consistent with the 1800 Census (born between 1756 and 1774), as well as later Census records of Jackson County, Illinois. In the previous section, a 1784 record notes he was enlisted to work on a road crew. If it can be presumed that men over 18 years of age were so compelled, then he was born around 1766.

James' 1800 household included six males under the age of 15 and four females under the age of 25. Five sons were born between 1790 and 1800, and one son was born between 1785 and 1790. The latter would be a good match for his son William (which would make him his eldest son). Whereas one of the former could have been his son Ralph.

On page 10 of the 1800 Census for Fayetteville Township, Moore County, North Carolina (in an area that is probably within present day Greenwood Township) on line 8 is found the household of Mathis Davis, and on line 11 is found the household of Aaron Davis (on line 4 is the household of Ralph Davis, age 26 to 44, who was Mathis' presumed nephew - the son of Mathis' brother Ralph).

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[518] Ancestry.com's *North Carolina, Land Grant Files, 1693-1960, Moore County*, *Certificate range 1405-1605*, images 1121 to 1125 of 1248.
[519] Ancestry.com's *North Carolina, Land Grant Files, 1693-1960, Moore County*, *Certificate range 1606-1793a,* images 136 to 144 of 1305.
[520] Ancestry.com's *North Carolina, Land Grant Files, 1693-1960, Moore County*, *Certificate range 1794-1994,* images 113 to 117 of 1325.

In Aaron's 1800 Census household are a male and female aged 16-25 and one female under the age of 10. Based upon that age range, that would mean that Aaron was born between 1775 and 1784. And since this Aaron likely married around age 21 and had a daughter, he was likely born between 1775 and 1777, perhaps a bit earlier. The Aaron Davis found in the 1820 Census for Jackson County was born in 1775 or earlier, so the two records describe men with similar age attributes. If they were the same man, it appears the father outlived his daughter.

In the 1800 Census of Moore County, North Carolina, Mathis Davis was over 45 years of age, and thus born no later than 1755. In his household was a female of the same age, and a male and two females aged 10-15 years. While Aaron was living three households away, there is no record of Amos Davis in this Census, whom we presume had come of age around this time or soon after. But living next to Mathis was the household of Suale McLeod, which contained two men aged 16-25, one of whom might have been Amos.

There is no record of either Mathis or Aaron in the 1810 Census for Moore County, North Carolina. Ralph Davis (who died in 1811) is still found there, as is another James Davis, aged 26 to 44 (our James Davis had been enumerated at that time in then Randolph County, Illinois [now Jackson County]).

In the 1810 Census for Livingston County, Kentucky, Mathis Davis was over 45 years old, living with a female of the same age range. In his household were a male and female, both under age 10, and a male and a female aged 16-25. In this same year, "Matthews" Davis, Junior was taxed for 100 acres on Biswell Creek. The younger members of Mathis' household were likely the wife and children of Junior.

In the 1820 Illinois Census, Matthias Davis (in a household with a male and female, both over age 45) and Aaron Davis had adjacent households.[521] James Davis' household was listed several households later. And in the 1820 Federal Census of Jackson County, Illinois, Matthias Davis was also over 45 years old, again, living with a female of the same age.

Analysis and Conclusion

The proximity of the households of Mathis and Aaron in both Moore County, North Carolina and in Jackson County, Illinois is striking. Their ages in Census records for both locations are consistent with what little we know of both men. The fact that we know that Aaron Davis was in Kentucky prior to arriving in Jackson County is significant, especially since he was said to have arrived there around the time that Mathis had sold his property in Livingston County, Kentucky. Mathis' arrival in Jackson County just two years later and in the household immediately next to Aaron's is also very compelling. The fact that Mathis' wife was named Martha, and that in 1821 a Patsy Davis got married in Jackson County in the presence of her children and grandchildren is equally significant. It suggests that Mathis had died late in 1820, as no other Davis

[521] Ancestry.com's *Illinois Census Returns, 1820*.

family of Jackson County is documented to have had three generations living there at such an early date.

The connection between James Davis and Mathis Davis in several early records of Cumberland and Moore Counties, North Carolina, and the good fit of 1790 through 1830 Census records to the family of James Davis, suggests that he was very likely Mathis' son.

Nothing in the preceding facts is sufficient to provide clear proof that Mathis and Aaron Davis were father and son, nor is it sufficient to prove that they had both lived in both Moore County, North Carolina and in Jackson County, Illinois. But for such an early time period in American history, it does provide a preponderance of evidence that this was indeed the case. Just a few details are lacking which would raise well-reasoned conjecture to solid fact, details no doubt lost in the courthouse fires of Jackson County, Illinois and Moore County, North Carolina. Such facts may be documented elsewhere, but with a surname as common as Davis, finding such information is not unlike seeking the proverbial needle in a haystack. While there is the possibility that this conjecture is erroneous, there are enough pieces that fit together seamlessly, that the odds are far greater that it is mostly correct – and that James, Aaron and Amos Davis were the sons of Mathis Davis.

He is no great heir
that inherits not
his ancestor's virtues.
-Proverb

Chapter 7: Arthur Davis

We've just reviewed the facts that suggest that our speculation is likely correct that Mathis Davis was the father of James, Aaron and Amos, and that Mathis' parents were Arthur and Ann (MNU) Davis. In this chapter, we'll see what else we can learn about Arthur Davis, his son Ralph, and his three sons-in-law.

In Arthur Davis' will of 27 Sep 1779, he names his beloved wife, Ann, plus two sons, three sons-in-law and one granddaughter, as follows:

1. Mattheas Davis.
2. Ralph Davis.
3. Abraham Cole.
4. James Maples.
5. Thomas Maples.
6. Bileyan Davis, daughter of an unknown son.

The granddaughter most likely suggests that there was yet another son, who with only one heir likely died fairly young. Tax lists for Cumberland County start in 1777, and there is no clue there who this might have been.

In the will, Mathis was to receive one half of Arthur's plantation. Examination of records in Cumberland County up to 1784 and in Moore County from 1784 to the late 1790s revealed only one Mathis Davis, so there is no doubt that Arthur and he were father and son.

Of the three sons-in-law, the given names of none of their wives could be inferred from available public records, because none of these men sold any property while the area that they lived in was part of Cumberland County, and early deeds of Moore County are no longer extant.

On page 314 of *Miscellaneous Ancient Records of Moore County, N.C.* by Raisie Everton Wicker (1971) the following overview of the Davises is provided (Hardy and Robert Davis appear to be unrelated to our clan):

> *"Davis – The Davises were a numerous and probably unrelated clan. Hardy and Robert apparently lived north of Spies, in the Jugtown area. Ralph Davis was located at the head of Governor's Creek. Matthew (or Mathis) Davis bought the Pate tract on the south side of Wad's Creek, about the old George Stutts (now Wicker) tract, near Kenneth McKenzie's present home. The spring is still known as Davis Spring."*

The first record of Arthur Davis in Cumberland County, North Carolina was on 25 Jul 1772, when he purchased 300 acres from Thomas Tucker on a branch of Dunham's Creek (southwest of Carthage), which was a branch of Governor's Creek.[522]

[NOTE: It appears that he may have first settled in Johnston County, North Carolina in 1759, and sold that property in 1766, but there is a slight difference in the way his deeds were signed there versus in Cumberland County. Both marks were of a conjoined AD. The former had an inverted A, whereas the latter was not inverted. Both marks had the identical distinctive flourish in the crossbar of the A. That is where my future Davis research will be focused.]

On 22 Nov 1772, Arthur Davis and Francis Stribling were chain carriers for the surveys of two grants issued to Anthony Seale for 150 and 200 acres, both located on McLendon's Creek in Cumberland County.[523] Francis Stribling had married Dorothy Seale in 1755 in Prince William County, Virginia. Dorothy and Anthony were children of William Seale who died in Prince William County, Virginia in 1781. No connection to Arthur Davis was found after investigating deed records there.

On 22 Nov 1773, Arthur Davis and Francis Stribling were chain carriers for the 100-acre survey for Aaron Phagan and the 100-acre survey for Richardson Phagan, both on Killett's Creek in Cumberland County.[524] The town of Carthage was changed to Fagansville in 1806 in honor of Richardson Fagan, and was subsequently reverted to being named Carthage in 1818.

Killett's Creek is a branch of McLendon's Creek and they converge about two miles northwest of Carthage along Highway 27. Arthur's grant on Dunham Creek is about two miles southeast of Carthage (which did not exist at the time of these surveys).

Extant tax lists in Cumberland County, North Carolina begin in 1777.

In Captain Gilmore's District in 1777, Arthur Davis was taxed for 160 acres. Living next door to him was Abram Cole, who was taxed for 100 acres. Listed fourteen households later was Matthew Davis, who was taxed for 100 acres. James Maples, also taxed for 100 acres, was listed nearly two dozen households before Arthur's.[525]

In 1778 in Captain Gilmore's district, Arthur and Matthew Davis were listed sequentially, with Arthur being taxed for 350 acres and Matthew for 100 acres (lines 38 & 39). Ralph Davis was taxed for 240 acres in the same district (line 6), but was not a close neighbor.

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[522] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Deeds, Book 5*, page 32. *FHL microfilm #007546377*, image 21 of 706

[523] *Moorecountywallaces.com/histories/registry.htm*, ID #1510 and 1511. These grants are not found for Anthony Seale at nclandgrants.com, so the source of the original was not determined. Accessed 1 Feb 2024.

[524] *Moorecountywallaces.com/histories/registry.htm*, ID #1963 and 1964. These grants are not found for these men at nclandgrants.com, so the source of the original was not determined. Accessed 1 Feb 2024.

[525] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Tax Lists, 1777, FHL microfilm #007513358*, image 302 of 683.

The same was true of Thomas Maples (line 11, 317 acres), Abram Cole (line 14, 100 acres) and James Maples (line 15, 100 acres).[526]

On 2 Nov 1778, Arthur Davis deeded to Matthew Davis *"for and in consideration of the good-will and Effection [sic] which I have and bear toward my son, Matthew Davis… on a branch of Dunham's Creek, a branch of Governor's Creek; said 100 acres to be laid off on that corner of the 300 acres that I purchased of Tucker, where my son Matthew now lives, and at my son's expense."* Signed Arthur his AR mark Davis.[527]

Also on 2 Nov 1778, Arthur Davis gave a similar 100-acre tract of land to his son-in-law Abraham Cole "*for the love, goodwill and Effection [sic]*" he bore toward him. Abraham was already living on the land, which was also on Dunham's Creek. Signed Arthur his AR mark Davis.[528]

On 27 Sep 1779, Arthur Davis wrote his will, giving half of the land where he then lived to "my well beloved son Matthews Davis, and the other half to my well beloved son in law Abraham Cole after my wife Ann Davises discease [sic]." Other heirs included his sons-in-law James Maples and Thomas Maples, his wife and his granddaughter Bileyan Davis. Witnesses were Waney Bragent [sp?], Mathews his W mark Davis and James Maples. He made his wife Ann his executor. Signed Arthur his R mark Davis (this mark was very feeble and looked somewhat like an attempt at a conjoined AR).[529]

In 1779, the Davises were in Captain Heard's district. Arthur had died, as Ann Davis was taxed for 120 acres. Abraham Cole was taxed for 560 acres, Matthis Davis was taxed for 640 acres, and James Maples was taxed for 260 acres.[530]

In 1780, they were again in Captain Heard's District. Ann Davis was again taxed for 120 acres. Mathes Davis was taxed for 150 acres, Abraham Cole for 270 acres, Ralph Davis for 225 acres and Thomas Maples for 278 acres.[531]

Ann Davis is not found in later tax lists, but she was a defendant at the 20 February 1787 Session of Court held in Moore County, North Carolina, in a case brought by William Seales.[532] She is not found there in the 1790 Census, though she could have been living in the household of a son or daughter.

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[526] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Tax Lists, 1778, FHL microfilm #007513358*, images 310 and 311 of 683.
[527] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Deeds, Book 6*, page 515. *FHL microfilm #007546377*, image 386 of 706.
[528] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Deeds, Book 6*, page 510. *FHL microfilm #007546377*, image 383 of 706
[529] Ancestry.com's *North Carolina, Wills and Probate Records, 1665-1998, Cumberland, Wills, Ada-Dol*, Arthur Davis, image 493 of 518.
[530] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Tax Lists, 1779, FHL microfilm #007513358*, images 474 and 475 of 683.
[531] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Tax Lists, 1780, FHL microfilm #007513358*, images 397, 399, 400 and 401 of 683.
[532] *North Carolina, Moore County, Court Minutes, 1784-1787*, page 127. *FHL microfilm #004779580*, image 70 of 221.

In 1783, only Ralph Davis was in Captain Thomas Gilmore's District, where he was taxed for 100 acres. James and Thomas Maples were taxed for 100 and 140 acres, respectively, and Abraham Cole was only taxed for 40 acres.[533]

In 1784, Abraham Coles, Thos. Maples, James Maples and Ralph Davis signed a petition requesting the northern portion be split from Cumberland County, North Carolina to form Moore County.[534] The split took place on July 4th. All further transactions were recorded in Moore County, North Carolina, which suffered a significant courthouse fire in 1889 that destroyed most land records and many court records. Marriage records are only extant from 1889.

[533] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Tax Lists, 1783, FHL microfilm #007513358*, image 496 of 683.
[534] *North Carolina, General Assembly, Session Records, Apr 1784-Jun 1784, Box 3*, Folder 41. A copy was found at moorecountywallaces.com.

Ralph Davis, the elder

Before diving into the facts about Arthur Davis' son Ralph, it is important to point out some erroneous information about him. It is believed that he served in the North Carolina militia during the Revolutionary War (as did Mathis) and that he died in 1811. Only the former is factual. He died sometime between 1800 and 1810. It was a different Ralph (likely his son) who died in 1811, and it was the elder Ralph who had served during the Revolutionary War. It was likely Iris Maples Lockey who propogated this misinformation in Ancestors of Our Maples and Adams Families (1974), after having the Daughters of the American Revolution erroneously accept her lineage in 1963.[535]

On 5 Nov 1773, Ralph Davis and Jo. Maples were chain carriers for Josiah Williamson's survey of a 90-acre tract on the south side of Dunham's Creek north of the road said to be John Kinney's line, formerly Joseph Dunham's line.

On 20 Apr 1775, Ralph Davis purchased from George Gilmore a 150-acre tract in Cumberland County, North Carolina on the "pronge of Creens Creek [sic]." An abutting neighbor was Wm. Dason.[536] Joseph Williamson and Alex (X) McDonald were witnesses.

As noted previously, Ralph Davis was found in tax lists of Cumberland County, North Carolina in 1778, 1779, 1780, and 1783.

On 1 Mar 1789, Ralf Davis and Charles Seal were chain carriers for 50-acre survey on Dunnoms Creek for William Seal.[537]

On 5 Apr 1781 Ralph Davis was a witness to a deed in Cumberland County from James Gilmore to Kentchen Kitching for land on Crain's Creek.[538]

On 5 Nov 1782, Ralph Davis was a witness to a deed in Cumberland County from Lawrence Stroder to Collins Haridson for a property on the west side of Crain's Creek.[539]

On 13 Sep 1783, Ralph Davis received £2 1s 6p for his claim for militia service during the Revolutionary War.[540]

From this point on, the portion of Cumberland County were Ralph was living became Moore County, North Carolina.

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[535] *Daughters of the American Revolution, Chapter 6182TX*, National Number 495086.
[536] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Deeds, Book 7*, page 316, *FHL microfilm #007546377*, image 588 of 706.
[537] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Land Grants, Book 52*, page 145, *MARS: 12.14.51.1829*, File No. 1832.
[538] *Miscellaneous Ancient Records of Moore County, N.C.* by Raisie Everton Walker (1971), page 85. Recorded in Cumberland County Deeds, Book 7, page 152.
[539] *Miscellaneous Ancient Records of Moore County, N.C.* by Raisie Everton Walker (1971), page 85. Recorded in Cumberland County Deeds, Book 7, page 56.
[540] Ancestry.com's *North Carolina, Revolutionary Pay Vouchers, 1779-1782*, Ralph Davis, claim #2626.

At the 17 Aug 1784 session of the Moore County Court, Ralph Davis was one of three men appointed to superintend the first election.[541]

On 20 Dec 1785, Ralph Davis and William Seal were chain carriers for the survey of Thomas Agerton for 200 acres on Dunhams Creek.[542]

In Nov 1786, Ralph Davis was a juror in two cases: William Seale vs. Collens Hardy, Admr. of John Wodsworth, decd. and James Coddle vs. Richd. Upton.[543] And he and Matthews Davis recorded three deeds (no additional details given), all of which were witnessed by Thos. Agerton.[544]

On 15 May 1787, Ralph Davis received a grant for 100 acres of land on Dunhams Creek in Moore County, North Carolina that abutted the properties of Mathews Davis and Abraham Cole. Chain carriers were Needham Temple and Abraham Cole.[545]

On 16 Sep 1789, Ralph Davis and Wm Seale were chain carriers of a 50-acre survey for Marmaduke Maples, which adjoined King's improvement and the property of John Brenner. Located on S. Pr. Cranes Creek on Nipers Br.[546]

In the 1790 Census for Moore County, North Carolina, Ralph Davis' household includes two males over age 16 and one female may have been the wife of John Key, whose wife was Patsy Davis, b. 1779, d. 11 Nov 1859 in Kemper County, Mississippi.[547] The female Living dozens of households away in the same district was Vincent Davis, whose household included himself and two females.

In 1792, Burgis Davis received a grant for 100 acres northwest of Ralph Davis' line.[548] This suggests that Burgess was likely born around 1771.

On 31 Dec 1792, the North Carolina Legislature appointed Thomas Gilmour, Ralph Davis and Malcolm Gilchrist to establish a fair at The Grove in Moore County, North

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[541] *North Carolina, Moore County, Court Minutes, Aug 1784-May 1784*, page 3. *FHL microfilm #004779580*, image 4 of 221.
[542] *www.moorecountywallaces.histories.registry.htm*, ID 2688.
[543] *North Carolina, Moore County, Court Minutes, Aug 1784-May 1787*, page 120, *FHL microfilm #004779580*, image 67 of 221.
[544] *North Carolina, Moore County, Court Minutes, Aug 1784-May 1787*, page 118, *FHL microfilm #004779580*, image 66 of 221.
[545] *North Carolina Archives, Moore County, Land Grants, MARS 12.14.90.80, S.108.882,* File 80, Ralph Davis.
[546] *North Carolina, Land Grants, Moore County, MARS: 12.14. 90.324*, File No. 324, *Land Patents, Book 75*, page 468, Grant #335, Entry #162.
[547] *Key, 1776-1792* by Edward S. Key and Irene T. Sevier (1972), pages 1 and 255. The author speculates that his wife was a daughter of either Mathis or Ralph, and states that they Keys moved from Moore County, NC to Mississippi in 1833. Mathis' family left more than two decades before then, so it would seem that Ralph the elder is the most likely suspect to have been her father.
[548] *North Carolina, Moore County, Land Entries*, #492, Burgis Davis, *FHL microfilm #007513729*, image 56 of 137.

Carolina, to be held on the first Monday in May, and to continue three days each ensuing term.[549]

On 19 Jun 1799, Ralph Davis received a grant of 100 acres (the copy quality of the original was too poor to extract any other details).[550]

On 8 Jul 1799, Burgis Davis had 100 acres surveyed on Nippers Creek, which began on Ralph Davis' line. No chain carriers were noted.[551] He received the patent on 14 Nov 1800.

On 23 Dec 1799, Ralph Davis received a grant on Crains Creek for a 100-acre tract abutting his own property and that of Charles Maples, Malcom Paterson and Dossen. Chain carriers were Thomas Gilmore and Burgis Davis.[552]

In the 1800 Census for Moore County, North Carolina, two Ralph Davises are listed.

The elder Ralph appears to be the one found in the 1790 Census there. The household consists of a male and female, both over 45 years old. Listed after him was Birgis Davis, who was likely a son, especially in light of his participation as chain carrier in Ralph's survey. His household included a male and female aged 26-44, a female over age 45 and a son and three daughters under age 10.

The second Ralph Davis in the 1800 Census was 26-44 years old, with a wife of the same age and four sons and a daughter under age 10. He was living four households from Mathis Davis.

In the 1810 Census for Moore County, North Carolina, the household of the only Ralph Davis appears to contain himself, his wife and the household of either his son or daughter. This was the younger Ralph from the 1800 Census, as the attributes of his children match what is known of the children named in his will, details of which follow.

Ralph Davis (, Junior, apparent son of Ralph the Elder) wrote his will on 12 Mar 1811, and it was proven at court in May 1811. It names two sons and one son-in-law:[553]

1. Thomas Davis.
2. Bucker Davis.
3. Nathan Maples. He was the son of Thomas Maples, who will be covered at the end of this chapter. His wife was Ralph's daughter, Temperance Davis. Her

[549] *Acts of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, 1791-1794*, by Francois X. Martin (1795), PDF page 80 (no printed page numbers).
[550] *North Carolina Archives, Moore County, Land Grants, MARS 12.14.90.80, S.108.882,* File 179, Ralph Davis.
[551] *North Carolina Archives, Moore County, Land Grants, MARS 12.14.90.1568, S.108.888,* File 1508, Burgis Davis.
[552] *North Carolina Archives, Moore County, Land Grants, MARS 12.14.90.5078, S.108.888,* File 1416, Ralph Davis.
[553] *North Carolina, Moore County, Wills, Book A*, page 271 (originally numbered 121). *FHL Microfilm #004779580*, image 151 of 503.

1850 Census record states that she was born in North Carolina in 1800, which gives some context to the ages of her siblings. Both were likely somewhat older.

Thomas Davis is found in the 1850 and 1860 Census for Burke County, Georgia. Both state that he was born in 1795 in North Carolina. In 1870, he is found living alone in Mitchell County, Georgia, and it is stated that he was born in 1794. Living two households away was John Maples, a grandson of Nathan and Temperance (Davis) Maples. Living in his 1850 household were: Clinton O., age 21; Martin F., age 19, Thomas R., age 17, James A., age 15; Isaac W., age 13; John M., age 11; Joshua C., age 9; David B., age 7; Frances V., age 5, and Berrien C., age 2, his youngest child.[554]

With Thomas Davis being born in 1795 and Temperance Davis being born in 1800, they could only have been the children of the younger Ralph Davis in 1800. The younger Ralph and Burgess Davis were likely sons of the elder Ralph Davis, though there is no definitive proof of their relationships.

No Bucker Davis born between 1790 and 1800 was found in Census records for Moore County, North Carolina or any surrounding states. He either died by 1820, or migrated away to a place where the 1820 Census is no longer extant.

Burgess Davis appears to have moved to Chesterfield County, South Carolina in 1810 and 1820, then to Tuscaloosa County, Alabama in 1830, and then to Fayette County, Alabama in 1840.

See *Chapter 8: Conclusions* for the known and presumed descendants of Ralph Davis the Elder.

[554] These children are confirmed in *History of Wilkinson County (, Georgia)* by Victor Davidson (1930), page 499, biograph of John Seaborn Davis.

Abraham Cole

In *Miscellaneous Ancient Records of Moore County, N.C.* by Raisie Everton Wicker (1971) on page 314 we are told the following:

> *"Cole – This is an old and respected name in both North Moore and Lee [Counties]. Abraham probably lived on Governor's Creek. Andrew on Little Pocket Creek. John certainly on Big Pocket, his descendants still live on the original Cole grant. Abraham also appears on Crain's Creek, below Union Church. This family intermarried with the Davise's [sic]. The Cole Planter Company of Charlotte, was founded by one of the Crain's Creek Coles. The writer recalls seeing one of the earlier planters, made wholly of wood, at a meeting of the old Farmer's Alliance, at Union Church, about the year 1897 or 1898."*

On 17 Mar 1769, Abraham Cole and John X Wadsworth were witnessed to a deed from Greenberry Patterson and wife to John Cole for a 150-acre property on the western bank of Great Pocket Creek on the lower side of Deep River.[555]

As previously noted, in 1778, Arthur Davis deeded land in Cumberland County, North Carolina to Abraham Cole.

In 1779, Abraham Cole was taxed for 560 acres in Cumberland County, North Carolina.[556]

In 1780, Abraham Cole was taxed for 278 acres in Capt. Heard's District, Cumberland County, North Carolina.[557]

In 1783, Abraham Cole was taxed for 40 acres in Cumberland County, North Carolina.[558]

In 1784, Abraham signed the petition to create Moore County from the northern part of Cumberland County.

On 20 Dec 1785, Abraham Cole had a 50-acre grant surveyed which abutted his own property. No watercourse was given. Thos. Agerton and James Coles were chain carriers. If we presume that the latter was at least 21 years old and thus born by 1764, he was likely Abraham's brother.[559]

In the 1790 Census for Moore County, North Carolina, Abraham's household include a male of over age 16 (himself), two males (sons) under age 16, and four females (his wife

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[555] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Deeds, Book 3*, page 544, *FHL microfilm #007546376*, image 636 of 75.
[556] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Tax Lists, 1779, FHL microfilm #007513358*, image 474 of 683.
[557] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Tax Lists, 1780, FHL microfilm #007513358*, image 397 of 683.
[558] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Tax Lists, 1783, FHL microfilm #007513358*, image 496 of 683.
[559] *North Carolina Archives, Moore County, Patents, Book 65, page 205, Grant No. 153, MARS 12.14.90.161,* File 161, Abraham Cole.

and three daughters). No other Coles lived nearby, which could have provided a clue about any sons that he may have had who had come of age.

On 24 Nov 1797, a 100-acre survey for land in Moore County, North Carolina was performed for Abraham Cole, with Kincheon Kitchen and James Stewart as chain carriers.[560] The patent was issued in 1804.

On 25 Dec 1801, James Riddle of Moore County, North Carolina drew up his will, naming John Worthy and Abraham Cole as executors. The only Abraham Cole found in the 1800 Census there was aged 16-25, with a wife of the same age range and three children under age 10. That suggests that he may have been the son the Abraham Cole of interest to us.[561] He was issued a warrant for 250 acres of land in Moore County in 1822.

Neither Abraham Cole is found in subsequent records for Moore County, North Carolina.

[560] *North Carolina, Land Grants, Moore County, S.108.890*, File 1868, Frame 506 of 1318, found at nclandgrants.com, accessed 5 Apr 2023.
[561] Genealogy.com/forum/general/topics/ai/28097/, accessed 31 Oct 2023.

James Maples

In 1777 and 1778, James Maples was taxed for 100 acres in Captain Gilmore's District.[562]

In 1779, James Maples was taxed for 260 acres in Cumberland County, North Carolina.[563]

In 1780, James Maples was taxed for 278 acres in Capt. Heard's District, Cumberland County, North Carolina.[564]

In 1783, James Maples was taxed for 100 acres in Capt. Thos. Gilmore's district, where he was listed two households after Ralph Davis.[565]

On 21 Feb 1785, James Maples and Ralph Davis posted bond of 50 pounds for maintaining the orphans of Ambrose Nelson.[566]

James Maples is found in the 1790 Census for Moore County, North Carolina in a household that included a male over age 16 (himself), three males under age 16 and 3 females (presumably his wife and two daughters). No other Maples are living in close proximity.

He is listed in the 1800 Census there as being over 45 years of age with a wife aged 26-44. One male and female from the 1790 Census are with them, plus they have two sons and a daughter who had been born since then. John Maples is living three households away, and could be one of the sons listed in the 1790 Census.

James Maples is listed as being over 45 years of age in the 1810 Census. His household includes a wife, aged 26-44. Living with them were three males aged 16-25, a female aged 10-15 and a female under 10.

No further record of James Maples was found.

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[562] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Tax Lists, 1777, FHL microfilm #007513358*, images 302 and 311 of 683.
[563] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Tax Lists, 1779, FHL microfilm #007513358*, image 475 of 683.
[564] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Tax Lists, 1780, FHL microfilm #007513358*, image of 683.
[565] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Tax Lists, 1783, FHL microfilm #007513358*, image 496 of 683.
[566] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Probate Records, Wills, Bonds, Inventories, 1783-1818,* page 13.

Thomas Maples

It appears that Arthur Davis had both a son-in-law and father-in-law names Thomas Maples who lived in Cumberland County, North Carolina, so it is worth attempting to differentiate these men.

Thomas Maples the Elder

On 1 Jul 1758, William Maples received a grant of 130-acres in Cumberland County, North Carolina. Chain carriers were Timothy Cloven and John Copeland.[567]

The first appearance of any Maples in deed records of Cumberland County, North Carolina was on 17 May 1762, when William Maples of Cumberland County sold to Thomas Maples of Johnston County for £25 the above 130-acre land grant, which shared a border with Lord Granville's southern boundary. Witnesses were Farquard Campbell and Thomas O'Dell.[568] There is an Arthur Davis who received a land grant in Johnston County on Reedy Branch of Mill Creek in 1758,[569] but the grant was over fifty miles from where the Maples had lived on Contentnea Creek.[570] Records of Arthur Davis of Johnston County will be dealt with in a separate research paper.

On 16 Jul 1762, Thomas Maples of Johnston County sold to John Fulk, Jr. 300 acres which was part of a deed to Thomas Maples on 25 Mar 1752, part in Johnston and part in Edgecombe County, on each side of Contentnea Creek, joining Wm. Maple. Witnesses were James Price, Jeremiah Nichols and Robert Duck.[571]

On 20 Sep 1762, Benjamin Goddrick or Woodrick sold to William Maples a 200-acre parcel of land in Cumberland County, North Carolina. The microfilm is too illegible to ascertain any additional details.[572]

On 6 Jul 1763, Simon Taylor sold to Thomas Maples £10 a 200-acre parcel on Crane's Creek in Cumberland County, abutting Thomas Weeks. Witnesses were Thomas Tucker and Joseph Brauley.[573]

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[567] *North Carolina Archives, Land Grants, Cumberland County, Book 16*, page 229, *MARS: 12.14.51.406*, File No. 42, issued 1 Jul 1758.
[568] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Deeds, Book 2*, page 178, FHL microfilm #007546376, image 102 of 875.
[569] *North Carolina Archives, Johnston County, Land Grants, Book 16*, page 276, No. 1993, patent issued 1 Sep 1759, MARS: 12.14.78.1179 File No. 1336.
[570] *North Carolina, Johnston County, Deeds, Book E1*, page 108, *FHL microfilm #007526573*, image 69 of 805.
[571] *North Carolina, Edgecombe County, Deeds, Book 1*, page 527 (600).
[572] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Deeds, Book 2*, pages 225-226, FHL microfilm #007546376, images 126 and 127.
[573] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Deeds, Book 2*, page 253, FHL microfilm #007546376, image 142 of 875.

On 10 Jun 1763, Thomas Maples had 150 acres on Cranes Creek surveyed. No chain carriers were recorded, and no adjoining neighbors were noted.[574]

On 2 Oct 1765, John Gilmore and Jane his wife sold to Thomas Maples for £30 a 150-acre tract on Lower Little River, three miles north of Cranes Settlement in Cumberland County. Witnesses were Thomas Tucker and William X Manes.[575]

On 16 Nov 1764, Thomas Maples received the patent to 200 acres on the head of Lick Creek.[576] Another patent on the same date is described as "beginning at a white oak on Wm. Maples line."[577] No survey was available in either file.

On 3 Apr 1767, William Lee and Sarah his wife sold to Thomas Maples for £50 a 100-acre tract on the south fork of Cranes Creek in Cumberland County. Witnesses were Stephen Gilmore and Hugh Gilmore.[578]

On 10 Apr 1768, Thomas Moore and Elizabeth his wife sold to Thomas Maples for £36 a 100-acre parcel on Cranes Creek in Cumberland County. Witnesses were John Kenney and John Gilmore.[579]

On 1 ___ 1768 (month missing from deed register), Thomas Maples sold to Duncan Buie for £50 the 200-acre tract on Cranes Creek in Cumberland County that he had purchased from Simon Taylor in 1763. Malcom Buie and Archibald Buie were witnesses.[580]

On 22 Feb 1769 Thomas Maples sold to Duncan Buie for £42 the 150-acre tract in Cumberland County that he had acquired from John Gilmore on 2 Oct 1765.[581]

On 18 Mar 1769, Thomas Mapples sold to Francis Miller for £15 a 200-acre tract that Thomas had patented in 1764 in Cumberland County. The land adjoined the property of William Maples. Witnesses were Duncan Mackie and Andrew Shepperd.[582]

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[574] *North Carolina Archives, Cumberland County, Patents, Book 18*, page 22, Grant No. 18, File No. 633, MARS: 12.14.51.635.
[575] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Deeds, Book 3*, page 64, FHL microfilm #007546376, image 377 of 875.
[576] *North Carolina Archives, Cumberland County, Patents, Book 18*, page 107, Grant No. 201, File No. 686, MARS: 12.14.51.688.
[577] *North Carolina Archives, Cumberland County, Patents, Book 18*, page 106, Grant No. 200, File No. 685, MARS: 12.14.51.687.
[578] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Deeds, Book 3*, page 136, FHL microfilm #007546376, image 415 of 875.
[579] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Deeds, Book 3*, page 211, FHL microfilm #007546376, image 457 of 875.
[580] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Deeds, Book 3*, page 282, FHL microfilm #007546376, image 497 of 875.
[581] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Deeds, Book 3*, page 385, FHL microfilm #007546376, image 550 of 875.
[582] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Deeds, Book 3*, page 368, FHL microfilm #007546376, image 540 of 875.

The tax list for Cumberland County in 1767 includes Thomas Mapples in a household of 4 whites, and William Maples in a household of one white.[583] The only Davis found on this list was Thomas Davis, who would seem is unrelated to our Davises. The next available tax list was in 1778.

On 25 Jul 1772, Hugh Gilmore and Thomas Maples witnessed a deed from Thomas Tucker (who had earlier witnessed two of Thomas Maples' land purchases) to Arthur Davis of Cumberland County, where he acquired 300 acres for £38 10s.[584]

On 10 Oct 1772, Thomas Maples and Sarah his wife sold to John Miller for £20 a 130-acre tract in Cumberland County adjacent to A. McLood, sold to sd. Thomas Maples by William Maples 17 May 1762. Witnesses were Fras. Miller and John Wicker.[585]

Administration of the estate of Thomas Maples the Elder was awarded to his widow Sarah on 27 Jan 1773.[586]

Thomas Maples the Elder, who is described in the above records of Cumberland County, died prior to Arthur Davis, who died a few years later, in 1779. He was therefore not the son-in-law that Arthur Davis. That Thomas Maples first appears in records of Cumberland County in a tax list of 1778, which establishes that he was born by 1757.

[583] *North Carolina Digital Collections, Cumberland County, Tax Lists, 1767*, item 355354, image 10 of 16.
[584] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Deeds, Book E/Book 5*, page 32.
[585] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Deeds, Book 6*, page 33, FHL microfilm #007546377, image 132 of 706.
[586] *North Carolina, Cumberland County, Estate Files, M*, Thomas Maples, 1773.

Thomas Maples, son-in-law of Arthur Davis

As noted earlier, Thomas Maples was found in tax lists of Cumberland County, North Carolina in 1778, 1779, 1780 and 1783. This suggests that he was born no later than 1757.

No deeds after 1773 were made by Thomas Maples in Cumberland County, and early deeds from Moore County are no longer extant, depriving us of evidence of his wife's given name. The lack of Moore County deeds also deprive us of direct evidence that the Thomas Maples who died in 1773 was Thomas' father (if the younger Thomas later sold property that was part of the elder Thomas' property), though it would seem that likelihood is fairly high.

On 24 Sep 1783, Thomas Maples received a militia pay voucher issued at Wilmington, North Carolina.[587]

On 4 Jul 1784, Moore County was created from the northern portion of Cumberland, which is where Thomas had lived.

On 17 Aug 1784, Thomas Maples was appointed overseer of the road from Durhame Creek to the Fayette County Line "and that all hands below Joseph Maples work on the same."[588]

In Nov 1785, Thomas Maples was among a large group of men assigned to lay out a new road from the courthouse to the road leading to Braswell's Ferry.[589]

In 1788, the North Carolina House of Commons conveyed title in a parcel of land in Moore County (originally Cumberland County) from Thomas Rutherford to Thomas Maples, Jr. The property abutted that of Henry Lamon and had been acquired by Rutherford at public sale from John Walsh.[590]

In the 1790 Census for Moore County, North Carolina, Thomas' household included a male over age 16 (himself), two males under age 16 (Thomas and Nathan) and one female. Normally, the female would be presumed to have been his wife, but his 1831 will (presented later) includes two granddaughters and one great granddaughter who were not Davises. So, it appears that his first wife (a daughter of Arthur Davis) may have died by 1790, as the mother of his granddaughters had to have married prior to 1800 (meaning that she was born no later than 1782 and would be present in his 1790 Census household).

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[587] Ancestry.com's *North Carolina Revolutionary Pay Vouchers, 1778-1782, 5-S, Maclaine, Archibald to Martin, James*, Thomas Maples.
[588] *North Carolina, Moore County, Wills, etc (County Court Minutes), Volume A*, page 5, *FHL microfilm #004779580*, image 9 of 503.
[589] *North Carolina, Moore County, Probate Records, Wills, Bonds, Inventories, 1783-1818*, page 80 (image 45 of 221).
[590] *North Carolina, General Assembly Session Records, Nov/Dec 1788, Box 3, Folder 19*. From digital/ncdcr.gov. Accessed 1 Nov 2023.

On 19 May 1790, the estate of Sarah Maples (wife of Thomas Maples the Elder) was introduced in court: "Ordered that letters of administration be granted to Burwell Maples in the estate of Sarah Maples, deceased, and he gives for security Ralph Davis and Thomas Maples (her son), who by court order provided a bond in the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds."[591]

In the 1790 Census, Burwell Maples' household included a son under age 16 and three females, likely a wife and two daughters. That suggests that he had been married for at least a half dozen years, which suggests he was born around 1763. He was old enough to have also been a son of Thomas Maples the Elder.

In 1800, Thomas Maples was enumerated in Fayetteville, Moore County, North Carolina. He and his wife were both over 45 years of age. Their household included a son aged 16-25 (Thomas), a son aged 10-15 (Nathan) and one slave.

On 8 Jan 1801, Thomas Maples had a 50-acre land grant surveyed, which joined Walter McBeth's old survey on Crains Creek. The land also abutted the land of Burrel Maples. No chain carriers were noted on the survey.[592]

No 1810 Census record was located for Thomas Maples.

On 2 Feb 1812, Thomas Maples, Senr had a 100-acre grant surveyed, which abutted 200 acres that he already owned, and which abutted land of James Maples. John Maples and Thomas Maples (presumably his son) were chain carriers.[593]

On 9 Mar 1812, Thomas Maples had 50 acres on Crains Creek surveyed, which abutted Banks' 50-acre tract and the "4th corner of Williamson's 100 acres now his own." Chain carriers were Danl McDonald and Nathan Maples.[594]

On 1 Jun 1812, Nathan Maples had 50 acres on Crains Creek surveyed, which began at Williamson's corner, and James Maples' 100 acres. Thos. Maples and Danl. McDonald were chain carriers. The original land entry was made on 3 Feb 1812.[595]

In 1820, Thomas Maples' Census household included three females: one aged 26-44, one aged 16-25, and one aged 10-15, plus six slaves. Based upon those named in his

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[591] *North Carolina, Moore County, Court Minutes, Aug 1784-Nov 1795*, page 274, *FHL microfilm #008189220*, image 162 of 794.
[592] Ancestry.com's *North Carolina, Land Grant Files, 1693-1960, Moore County*, #0138, Warrant #163, entered 16 Mar 1797.
[593] Ancestry.com's *North Carolina, Land Grant Files, 1693-1960, Moore County*, #2164, issued 12 Dec 1812, Entry #364, entered 16 May 1809, Book 127, page 282.
[594] *North Carolina, Land Grants, Moore County, MARS: 12.14.90.2191*, File No. 2180, recorded in *Land Patents, Book 127*, page 278, Grant #2152, Entry #359
[595] *North Carolina, Land Grants, Moore County, MARS: 12.14.90.2214*, File No. 2203, recorded in *Land Patents, Book 127*, page 312, Grant #2175, Entry #724.

1831 will (presented later), these likely included a widowed daughter and her two daughters.

Nathan Maples is recorded in the 1820 Census for Moore County, North Carolina. In 1830 and 1840 he was living in Baker County, Georgia.

No 1820 Census record was located for Thomas Maples III. In 1830 and 1840 he was living in Decatur County, Georgia.

In 1830, Thomas' Census records shows that he was 80-89 years old, and that living with him were two females (aged 40-49 and 50-59) and four slaves (3 under age 10 and a female aged 10-23). Living 18 households away was Bryan Dawson. He and his wife were 30-39 years old. As you will see in the next paragraph, Thomas' granddaughter Mary had married a Dawson. Byran is the likely suspect to have been her husband.

Thomas Maples(, Junior) wrote his will on 28 Sep 1831, and it was proven in court in Nov 1831. It names his two sons, two granddaughters, and one great granddaughter, as follows:[596]

1. Thomas Maples (III).
2. Nathan Maples (born circa 1789, per Iris Maples Lockey).
3. Unknown daughter Maples.
    a. Mary Dawson.
        i. Sarah Dawson.
    b. Nancy Waddell.

Also named was his brother John, who was living in South Carolina at the time.

(In 1840, Nathan Maples and Bryan Dawson are listed only two doors apart in Baker County, Georgia, suggesting that Bryan was Mary Dawson's husband and the father of Sarah Dawson.)

The fate of Nathan Maples is recorded an account written in July 1930 by Lou Maples Keaton of Camilla, Georgia, which was recorded in "the Centenial [sic] paper of Camilla, Georgia of 1756 [sic: 1956] (bulleted list added for clarity):"[597]

> *"…But in 1820 Nathan Maples, son of Thomas Maples of Moore County, N. C. moved to southern Georgia, and after a few years moved farther up the Flint and made a permanent settlement in what is now Mitchell County, Georgia. Owning large possessions which extended on both sides of the River he gave to Bare Head, chief of the Creek Indians, a temporary lease on as much land as he for his camps and village. There he lived peaceably and neighborly with Bare Head and his tribe until the outbreak in 1836 when the Indians were overcome and sent away.*

[596] *North Carolina, Moore County, Wills, Book B*, page 78. *FHL microfilm #004779580*, image 290 of 503.
[597] *Ancestors of our Maples and Adams Families* by Iris Maples Lockey (typescript, 1974), pages 27 and 28.

"My parents [Israel "Gid" Maples and Hetty Louise Musgrove] had a large family of children, nine of which lived to be grown:

1. *Mary*
2. *Sarah*
3. *John*
4. *Tom*
5. *Margaret*
6. *Eliza*
7. *Israel["Dock"]*
8. *Louisa [the author of this account]*
9. *Alpha*

"My three brother [sic] all lived in Texas Several [sic] years. John died in Old Randolph in this county, and Tom died in Brownwood. Dock having returned to Georgia, died there four years ago."

The above list of children, except Mary, are confirmed by the 1850 Census for Baker County, Georgia. Another son, 13-year-old Morgan Maples was included in that Census.

Gid was the son of Nathan and Temperance (Davis) Maples (the daughter of Mathis' brother Ralph Davis). Nathan is named as his son-in-law in Ralph's will, and her given name is noted in the advertisements for Nathan Maples' estate (see below).

Nathan Maples had died in Georgia by April 1847, when notice was published of the forthcoming sale of all his real estate four months later by Israel Maples, administrator, and his widow Temperance Maples, administratrix.[598] Notice of Nathan's death was ordered to be published on 21 Jan 1847.[599]

The children of Nathan and Temperance were:[600]

1. *"Israel (Gid) Maples, b. ca 1814, mar Hettie Louise Musgrove;*
2. *James Maples born 1828;*
3. *Ann Maples who married a Cox;*
4. *Sarah Maples born 1826;*
5. *Nathan Maples Jr., born 1823; and*
6. *John Maples born 1837."*

Another account by Lou Maples Keaton claims that Nathan Maples and Ralph Davis married Dye sisters (Sarah and Jane, respectively).[601] Clear facts indicate otherwise, as Thomas Maples was known to have married Ralph Davis' sister, and it was she who bore his children. Also, Avery Dye, the father of the alleged Dye sisters, lived in Cumberland County in 1790, not Moore County, so there isn't even anything that puts them in the correct neighborhood for a marriage to have been likely.

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[598] *Albany Patriot (Albany, Georgia), 14 Jul 1847, (volume and page not available at Newspaperarchive.com)*, page 4, column 2.
[599] *Albany Patriot (Albany, Georgia), 3 Mar 1847, Volume II, Number 17*, page 4, column 3.
[600] *Ancestors of our Maples and Adams Families* by Iris Maples Lockey (typescript, 1974), page 36.
[601] *Ancestors of our Maples and Adams Families* by Iris Maples Lockey (typescript, 1974), page 40.

Nathan Maples' widow Temperance is found in the 1850 Census for Baker County, Georgia. In the 1860 Census, she and her son John Maples were living in Mitchell County, Georgia, and next door were her sons Nathan and Israel. In her 1850 household were Sarah, age 24; Nathan, age 18, and John, age 13. Next door was James, age 23.

See *Chapter 8: Conclusions* for the descendants of Thomas Maples.

We are the children of many sires,
and every drop of blood in us
in its turn …betrays an ancestor.
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Chapter 8: Johnston County, North Carolina

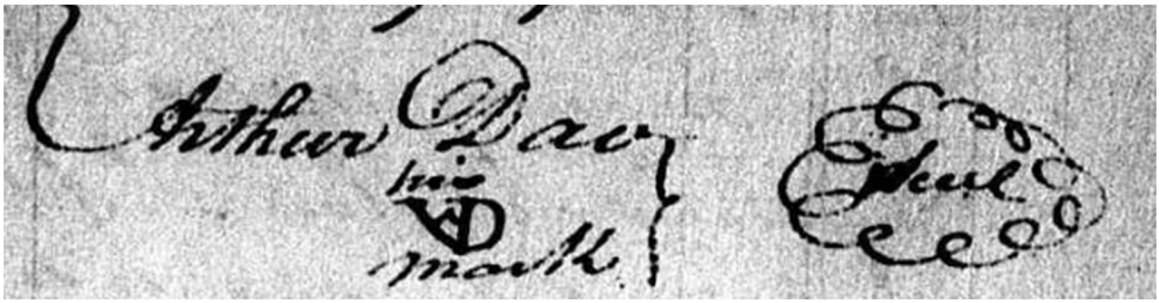
Having followed our Davis clan back nearly 70 years before the massive loss of records in Jackson County, Illinois - back to North Carolina in the counties of Moore and Cumberland - it is natural to look for clues that might extend things backward in time even further. It is possible to do so with certainty back to 1758 to a grant in Johnston County, North Carolina, near the present-day intersection of the boundary lines of Johnston, Wayne and Sampson Counties.

Being able to extend the line back even farther is a possibility, given the clues provided in the land records that follow. But that will take considerable additional effort, and a few too many stars have to align for that effort to be fruitful. At a minimum, it is possible our ancestors came from a county in North Carolina or Virginia where record loss has deprived us of needed facts. Chasing those leads will need to be a separate future effort. For now, the few records to be presented tell us the following:

1. When Arthur Davis arrived in Johnston County,
2. When his son Mathis likely came of age,
3. When he left Johnston County, but sold only half of his grant,
4. Who owned the second half of Arthur's grant, and
5. When that half was sold.

On 17 Mar 1758, Arthur Davis had 330 acres surveyed on the Reedy Branch of Mill Creek on Nuce [sic: Neuse] River. Uriah Strickland and Arthur Davis were chain carriers.[602]

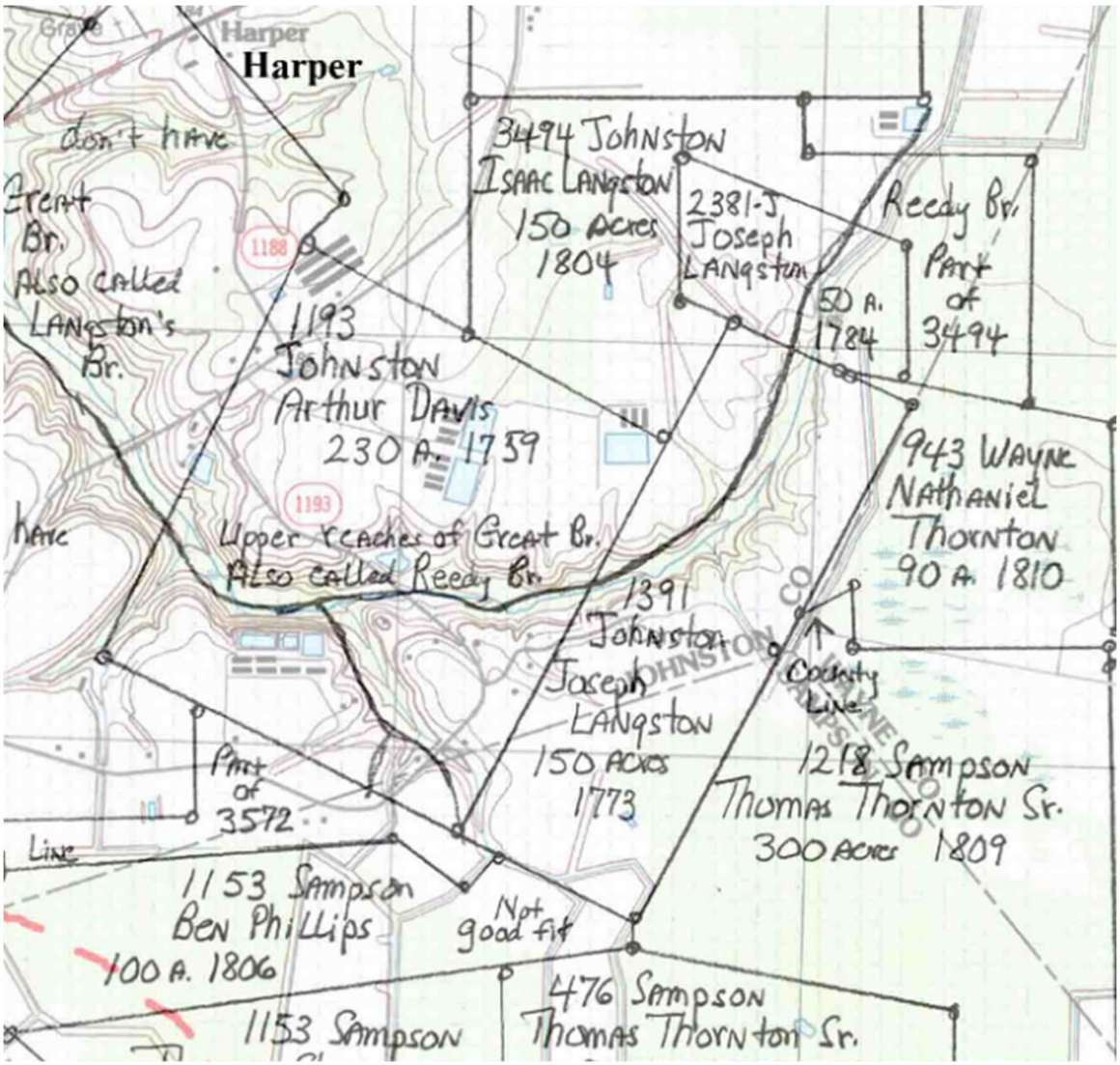
On 6 Aug 1765, Isaac Williams "+" and Matthis Davis were witness to a deed between Robert Allen and Jos. Langston for a 100-acre tract on the Watery Branch of Mill Creek in Johnston County that had originally been patented by Thomas Cox in 1763. [603] This is the first record of Mathis, and was likely when he turned 21 years old, meaning he was likely born around 1744. That is consistent with what his Census records tell us.



Mark of Arthur Davis in 1766.

[602] *North Carolina Archives, Johnston County, Land Grants, Book 16*, page 276, No. 1193, patent issued 1 Sep 1759, MARS: 12.14.78.1179, File No. 1336.
[603] *North Carolina, Johnston County, Deeds, Book E1*, page 29, *FHL microfilm #007526573*, image 25 of 805.

On Feb 1766, Arthur Davis sold to Thomas Carter for £20 a 165-acre tract on the south side of Nuce [sic: Neuse] River and on the north side of a branch of Mill Creek called Reedy Branch. The land was half of the 330 acres that he had patented in 1758. Witnesses were John Adcock, Jacob Adorn and Thomas Little. Signed Arthur "AD" (inverted A) Davis.[604]



Arthur Davis grant near intersection of the County lines of Johnston, Wayne and Sampson.[605]

On 21 Mar 1768, Mathen Strickland sold to Joseph Langston for £15 the other half of Arthur Davis' 1759 330-acre grant. Witnesses were Noah Barfoot "X" and Joseph "7" Lanston Junr. Signed Mathen "M" Strickland.[606]

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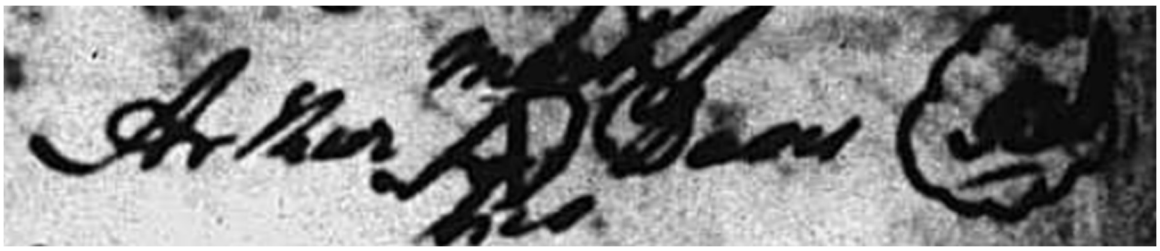
[604] *North Carolina, Johnston County, Deeds, Book E1*, page 108, *FHL microfilm #007526573*, image 69 of 805.
[605] From *Land Grant Map, Newton Grove North Quadrangle, Sampson County, North Carolina* by Thomas M. Byrd (May 2016). From a series of 46 maps entitled the *Duplin-Sampson Land Grant Map Series*.
[606] *North Carolina, Johnston County, Deeds, Book E1*, page 340, *FHL microfilm #007526573*, image 191 of 805.

No further records of Arthur or Mathis Davis are found in Johnston County after this time. In 1772, Arthur Davis purchased land in Cumberland County (see *Chapter 7*).



Mark of Arthur Davis in 1778.

William Davis was granted 150 acres of land in Johnston County in 1762, with Arthur Davis and Samuel Howell as chain carriers.[607] He made a distinctive WD mark that is much like Arthur's, suggesting that they were likely brothers. William sold that property to Samuel Howell in 1764 for £10, with Benjn Williams and John McCondishie as witnesses.[608]

And there is unverified family lore that Samuel Strickland, who likely lived farther north than Arthur Davis, and possibly near Smithfield near William Davis, had married Mary Davis. His sons are found involved in the land transactions with several Davises, who seem likely to have been descendants of William Davis. Was Mary the sister of William and Arthur Davis?

The speculation of the above two paragraphs is fodder for an entirely separate future research project. If it is eventually possible to piece that puzzle together, there are far too many moving parts to try to blend it into this effort.

[607] *North Carolina Archives, Johnston County, Patents, Book 13*, page 399, Grant No. 171, File No. 525, MARS: 12.14.78.522.
[608] *North Carolina, Johnston County, Court Martial Minutes, Deeds, Wills, 1759-1779*, page 147.

If you would not be forgotten
as soon as you are dead and rotten,
either write things worth reading
or do things worth the writing.

-Benjamiin Franklin

Chapter 9: Timeline Recap

The following timeline summarizes what has been learned in this research, and helps to organize what has been learned thus far about where various individuals were living at different points in time. A seamless timeline helps to validate research conclusions, especially when there is consistent continuity among several individuals as they migrated through and to several states. There are gaps in our knowledge due to lack of available records, not from lack of effort to uncover as many clues as possible.

North Carolina Timeline (from 1758)

1758	Arthur Davis received a grant in Johnston County, North Carolina.
1765	First evidence of Mathis Davis, as a witness to a deed in Johnston County, North Carolina.
1766	Arthur Davis sold half of his Johnston County grant.
1772	Arthur Davis purchased property in Cumberland County, North Carolina.
1779	Arthur Davis died in Cumberland County, North Carolina, inferring six children, including Mathis Davis and Ralph Davis.
1784	The portion of Cumberland County, North Carolina where Arthur's family had lived became part of Moore County.
1790	James' son William was born in North Carolina in either 1803 or 1790 (per 1850 and 1860 Census). The latter year aligns better with 1830 and 1840 Census record.
1790	The 1790 Census for Moore County, North Carolina shows a James Davis living one household from Mathews Davis. James' household includes a son under age 16, and two females (presumably a wife and daughter).
1800	Amos' son Willis was born, location unknown.
1800	In the 1800 Census for Moore County, North Carolina, there is a "Mathew Daviz and Aaron Daviz on page 10. And on page 10 is Ralph Davis (son of Ralph the elder). On page 11 is a Thomas Davis (possibly unrelated, or was this Amos?). There is a James Davis on page 15 (likely Mathis' son). There is also a Ralph Davis and a Burgess Davis on page 16 (sons of the elder Ralph).
1806	Aaron's son Jehu was born in North Carolina (per 1850 and 1860 Census).
1806	James' son Thomas was born in North Carolina (per 1850 and 1870 Census, Tennessee per 1860 Census).

Tennessee Timeline (from 1805?)

1805	Ralph Davis, James Davis, Senior and Mathis Davis appear on a tax list for Williamson County, Tennessee, though it is impossible to ascertain that these are the same men of interest in this book.
1810	It is not known where Aaron, Amos and Ralph Davis were living at this time. Census records are not extant for all but one county in Tennessee.
1818	Amos Davis was living in the area surrounding Nashville, Tennessee, which is directly up the Cumberland River from Livingston County, Kentucky.

1820	Willis Davis (son of Amos) married Nancy (Youngman) Austin Williamson, Tennessee on 1 Jun.
1820	In the 1820 Census, Willis Davis was enumerated in Davidson County, Tennessee.
1820	Willis' daughter Amanda was born on 3 Sep in "Galinton," Tennessee (likely Gallatin, Sumner County, Tennessee, which is located due east of Nashville.
1827	Willis' daughter Martha Jane was born in Tennessee, signifying that Willis arrived in Jackson County, Illinois after her birth.

Illinois Timeline (from 1808)

1807	Aaron's daughter Elizabeth was born in Illinois (per 1850 Census, though this information is very clearly inaccurate).
1808	James Davis located near where Kinkaid Creek empties into Big Muddy River.
1810	James Davis is found in the 1810 Census for Randolph County, Illinois Territory.
1811	Ralph Davis died in Moore County, North Carolina. His will infers three children: Ralph, Burgess and Temperance.
1814	James Davis' son William married Jane Creath.
1815	Aaron's son Michael was born in Jackson County, Illinois in Sep 1815.
1816-7	Aaron is said to have purchased a property from William Boon about 1816 or 1817, having come from Kentucky.[609](NOTE: he is not found on tax lists of Livingston County, Christian County, or Ohio County, Kentucky. If he had stayed long enough with Mathis Davis in Livingston County, he would have been listed as having paid a poll tax.)
1817	Aaron's son Andrew Jackson was born in Illinois in 1817.
1818	William Boon sold the property noted earlier to Aaron Davis on 3 Oct 1818.[610] Boon had purchased the property from William Arundel in late 1814.
1819	James Davis' son William married Catherine Woolrick, the daughter of Peter Woolrick.
1820	Aaron Davis and Matthias Davis were listed one household apart in the 1820 Census for Jackson County, Illinois (the intervening household belonged to John Morrow).
1820	James Davis' daughter Patsy married Marvel Henson.
1820	Mathis Davis died in Jackson County, Illinois.
1821	Patsy Davis (presumably Mathis' widow) married John Gathers in Jackson County, Illinois.
1821	James Davis' daughter Alice married Thomas Glenn, the son of Robert Glenn.
1823	James Davis' daughter Dicey married John Woolrick, the son of Peter Woolrick.
1826	Aaron Davis died in Jackson County, Illinois.

[609] *Https://genealogytrails.com/ill/jackson/twpbighill.htm.*
[610] *Jackson County, Illinois Deeds, Book D*, page 197.

1830 Willis Davis is listed in the 1830 Census for Jackson County, Illinois.
1831 James Davis' son Thomas married Betsy Massey, daughter of Shadrach Massey.
1839 James Davis' daughter married John Mansker.
1842 Willis' daughter Margaret was married in Perry County, Missouri on 3 May.
1843 James Davis died in Jackson County, Illinois.

Kentucky Timeline (from 1808)

1808 Mathis Davis first appears on tax lists of Livingston County, Kentucky.
1810 Mathis Davis is found in the 1810 Census for Livingston County, Kentucky.
1812 James Davis sells his Kinkaid Creek property in Jackson County, Illinois to George Creath.
1817 Mathis Davis is last found on tax lists of Livingston County, Kentucky.
1818 Mathis Davis sold 176 acres of land in Livingston County, Kentucky.

Louisiana Timeline (1813)

1813 Aaron's daughter Priscilla Matilda (Davis) Bradshaw is shown in the 1850 (b. 1816), 1860 (b. 1812) and 1870 Census (b. 1812) to have been born in Louisiana, and her birthdate was said to have been 4 Mar 1813, which was less than a year after Louisiana became a state. If the year of birth is overstated by one year, then she was born in Louisiana Territory (if so, very possibly just across the Mississippi River from Jackson County).

Arkansas Timeline (from 1828)

1828 Ralph Davis was taxed in Pope County, Arkansas.
1830 Ralph Davis was enumerated in Pope County, Arkansas. None of his sons were living nearby.
1830 Ralph Davis received a patent for 320 acres in Sevier County, Arkansas.
1838 Ralph Davis died in Washington County, Arkansas.

If it is a Miracle,
any sort of evidence will answer,
but if it is a Fact,
proof is necessary.
-Mark Twain

Chapter 10: Conclusions

James Davis' children married into the pioneer Creath, Glenn, Henson, Massey and Woolrick families of Jackson County, Illinois.

His father and grandfather were pioneer settlers first in Johnston County, North Carolina and then in Cumberland County, North Carolina (in the part which in 1784 became Moore County).

Thus it seems natural that James Davis and his brother Aaron would carry on the tradition of moving on to greener pastures, yet it is remarkable that their parents also made the journey with them.

The original focus of this book was limited to brothers James and Aaron Davis, and their nephew Willis, and each has a chapter dedicated to their memory. That original focus was expanded to include a potential brother Ralph Davis, and their father Mathis Davis. Researching the latter eventually led to discovering his parents, Arthur and Ann Davis.

And an effort was made to understand what became of Arthur's descendants by his other son, also Ralph Davis, and his three sons-in-law. Rather than attempt chapters for each of these people, what was discovered of their families is included in the descendancy list of their proven and suspected descendants, which begins on the following page.

Persons named in wills are underlined. Suspected descendants are *italicized*:

1. **ARTHUR DAVIS**, b. 1720, d. 1779, m. **Ann** (**MNU**). *See Chapter 7.*
    a. **RALPH DAVIS, THE ELDER**, b. 1744, d. before 1810.
        i. **Ralph Davis, Junior**, b. 1769, d. 1811, m. **Jane** (**MNU**).
            1. **Thomas R. Davis**, b. 11 Feb 1790, d. 17 May 1872, m. **Nancy Owens**.
                a. **Nancy Mahala Davis**, b. 1825, d. 1886.
                b. **Mary Davis**, b. 1829.
                c. **Clinton O. Davis**, b. 1829, d. 28 Feb 1893.
                d. **Martin Fenton Davis**, b. 29 Jun 1831, d. 25 Jan 1915.
                e. **Thomas Ralph Davis**, b. 5 Feb 1833, d. 16 Jun 1921.
                f. **James A. Davis**, b. 1835.
                g. **Isaac William Davis**, b. 17 Jul 1837, d. 1 Aug 1889.
                h. **John Marvin Davis**, b. 17 Jan 1840, d. 29 Jan 1920.
                i. **David B. Davis**, b. 1843, d. 22 Jun 1918.
                j. **Joshua C. Davis**, b. 1843.
                k. **Frances Virginia Davis**, b. 15 Jun 1847, d. 12 Feb 1923.
                l. **Berrien Clay Davis**, b. 1848.
            2. **Temperance Davis**, b. 1795, d. 1873, m. **Nathan Maples**, son of **Sarah Davis** (1c) and **Thomas Maples, Senior**.
                a. **Israel Gideon "Gid" Maples**, b. 1816, Jun 1889. He married **Hettie Louise Musgrove**.
                b. **James Maples**, b. 1823.
                c. **Sarah Maples**, b. 1826.
                d. **Nancy Ann Maples**, b. 1829. She married **Charles Cox**.
                e. **Nathan Maples**, **Junior**, b. 1832.
                f. **John Maples**, b. 1837.
            3. **Buckner Davis**, b. before 1800.
        ii. ***Burgess Davis***, b. 1771, d. 1851.
        iii. ***Patsy Davis***, b. 1779, d. 11 Nov 1859. She married **John Key**.[611]
            1. **Abel Mastin Key**, b. 11 Nov 1803, d. 7 May 1871. He married **Elizabeth Chambers Warren**.
            2. **Joshua Key**, b. 22 Oct 1806. He married **Margaret Melton**.
            3. **Mary "Polly" Key**, b. 2 Aug 1809. She married **William Broadway**.
            4. **Hannah Key**, b 30 Jul 1811. She married **Meredith T. Dillon** on 16 Mar 1834.
            5. **Elizabeth Key**, b. 19 Sep 1813.

[611] *Key, 1776-1792* by Edward S. Key and Irene T. Sevier (1972).

6. **Cornelius "Neil" Key**, b. 10 Mar 1817, 6, Nov 1888. He married **Rachel Winnifred Smith**.

b. **MATHIS DAVIS, SENIOR**, b. 1744, d. 1820, m. **Martha** (**MNU**). *See Chapter 6.*
   i. **James Davis, Senior**, b. 1766, d. 8 May 1843. *See Chapter 3*.
   ii. ***Arthur Davis***, b. 1770, likely died in Moore County before 1800.
   iii. **Aaron Davis**, b. 1775, d. 1826. *See Chapter 4.*
   iv. **Amos Davis**, b. 1779. *See Chapter 2*.
   v. **"Arkansas" Ralph Davis**, b. 1780. *See Chapter 5*.
   vi. ***Mathis Davis, Junior***, b. 1787, d. 1810.
   vii. ***John Davis***, b. 1788.

c. **UNKNOWN DAUGHTER DAVIS**, b. 1754, d. 1790, **Thomas Maples, Jr**, b. 1757, d. 1831.
   i. **Thomas Maples III**, b. 1785.
   ii. **Nathan Maples**, b. 1789, m. **Temperance Davis**, daughter of **Ralph Davis, Junior**. *See 1ai2, above*.
   iii. **Unknown Child Maples**.
      1. **Mary Unknown**, m. **Bryan Dawson**.
      2. **Sarah Dawson.**
      3. **Nancy Unknown**, m. **Mr. Waddell**.

d. **UNKNOWN CHILD DAVIS**.
   i. **Bileyon Davis**.

e. **UNKNOWN DAUGHTER DAVIS**, b. around 1750, m. **Abraham Cole**.
   i. ***Abraham Cole***, b. about 1775.

f. **UNKNOWN DAUGHTER DAVIS**, b. about 1755, m. **James Maples**.
   i. ***John Maples***, b. 1774.

To forget one's ancestors is
to be a brook without a source,
a tree without a root.

-Chinese Proverb

About the Author

I am a fourth great grandson of **James Davis**, and his son **Thomas G. Davis** was my third great grandfather. **Thomas'** son, **Thomas J. Davis**, married my second great grandmother, **Sarah Adaline Hanks**. They gave birth to my great grandmother, **Caroline Mary Davis**, who married **Alfred Sheldon Wiggins**. Their eldest daughter was my grandmother, **Eva Pearl Wiggins**, an amazing woman who lived to be nearly 104 years of age, who if she had lived another four months would have seen her third century. She married **Paul Edward Malone** and gave birth to **Paul Elmar Malone**, my father. He married **Mary Ellen Adams**, who gave birth to me, the last of four children. My wife is **Mary Alea Sando** and we have no children.

I started researching my family history in earnest around 2010, though I had played around with genealogy a year or two prior to that time. Once I became serious about research, my focus was mainly on primary records research mostly in the period around 1850 back to the Revolutionary War. All of my published work has been placed in the public domain.

My published works:

- *Abstracts of Early Land Records of Jackson County, Illinois: Squatter Depositions of 1807, Preemption Records of 1813, Land Entries prior to 1816, and Deeds of Recorded in Jackson County, Illinois Deed Book D* (2024).
- *The Roddens of Essex County, Virginia Colony and Mecklenburg County, North Carolina: plus the Bakers, Blanchards, Byroms, Hanks and Williamsons* (2023).
- *First Families of Phillipstown, White County, Illinois: The Bidwell, Boultinghouse, Brown, Graham, Hon, Hughes, Phillips, Stuart/Stewart, Whiting and other Early Families* (2023).
- *The Cater-Davis Connection: John, Israel and George Davis and their relationships to Sarah (Cater) Virden and James Cater: Of Union and Newberry Counties, South Carolina; Posey and Vanderburgh Counties, Indiana; and Bond, Fayette and Montgomery Counties, Illinois* (2022)
- *Lee Allen of Pendleton District, South Carolina; Warren County, Allen County and Simpson County, Kentucky; and Posey County, Indiana, Son of Gersham Allen of Orange County, Surrey County and Wilkes County, North Carolina; Warren County, Kentucky; Randolph County, Illinois Territory; Jackson County, Tennessee; and Adair County, Kentucky* (2022)
- *Brothers Nathan and Clement Davis, Jr – Sons of Clement Davis, Sr of Craven and Berkeley Counties, Carolina Colony; Laurens and Newberry Counties, South Carolina; Washington County, Georgia; Logan, Christian and Livingston Counties, Kentucky; and Randolph, Johnson and Jackson Counties, Illinois Territory* (2021)
- *Untangling Samuel Rone b. 1813 from Samuel E. R. Rowan b. 1814* (2021)
- *Rone 6th Generation Autosomal DNA Pool* (2021)
- *The McEveny Clan in America* (2021)

- *Caleb Blagg of Colonial Virginia and the Carolinas: Himself and Three Generations of his Clan* (2020).
- *Colonel James Martin of Edgefield County, South Carolina: Disproving an Indiana Connection* (2020).
- *Elder James Martin of the Districts of Orangeburg, Lower Ninety-Six, Edgefield and Barnwell, South Carolina; Warren County, Kentucky; and Knox, Gibson, Posey and Vanderburgh Counties, Indiana Territory/Indiana, and his Brother Simon Martin, of the Same Districts in South Carolina* (2019).
- *The Search for the Parents and Siblings of Mobley H. Rhone of Houston County and Anderson County, Texas and Mathew L. Rone of Ray County, Missouri and Benton County, Arkansas* (2019).
- *The Pioneer Williams Family of Smith Township, Posey County, Indiana and their Allen, Cater, Davis, Harmon, Johnson/Johnston, Journey, Lowe, Martin, Prewitt/Pruitt & Rook Connections* (2014).
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